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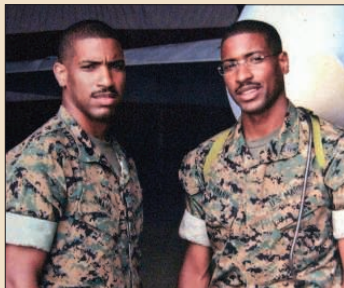
Above: Henry Swann, 27, is back in Maryland with his mother, Ann, after service in Iraq, but she is awaiting the return of his two brothers. Right: The deployment of twins Ryan and Bryan Swann in June prompted their mother's appeals to the White House and lawmakers to have one son returned.

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### Family survival

When all three sons served in Iraq, mother petitioned lawmaker to sponsor bill to amend Pentagon rules on siblings in combat

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# News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Blake murder trial:** Jurors in the Robert Blake murder trial spent about 90 minutes deliberating before going home for the weekend.

They started their work Friday in Los Angeles after hearing the actor's lawyer, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, portray the prosecution's key witnesses as liars and accuse the police of rushing to judgment while bungling the investigation. Deliberations are scheduled to resume Monday.

Blake

**Antichrist murder case:** A father who said he murdered his son because he believed the 4-year-old was the Antichrist was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole.

Ivan Henk pleaded guilty in Papillion, Neb., last month to first-degree murder, a crime he acknowledged during a 2003 court hearing when he shouted to the boy's mother that he killed Brendan Gonzalez "because he was the Antichrist. He had 666 on his forehead."

**Tobacco lawsuit:** A jury on Friday cleared tobacco maker Philip Morris of liability in the death of a man who smoked for 35 years and alleged the company misled him by failing to acknowledge the habit was addictive and caused cancer.

Fredric Reller, 64, first sued Philip Morris in November 2001. A jury cleared the nation's biggest cigarette maker last August of negligence and misrepresentation in the lawsuit, but deadlocked on one count claiming the company fraudulently concealed the dangers of smoking.

**Flight attendant bomb threat:** An off-duty flight attendant accused of leaving a bomb note on an airplane has pleaded guilty to intentionally interfering with a flight crew, federal pro agreement that was filed Friday in federal prosecutors said Friday.

Prosecutor Debra T. Phillips said Gay Wilson accepted a plea agreement that was filed Friday in federal court in Nashville.

**Gabor crash lawsuit:** Zsa Zsa Gabor, who was seriously injured in a 2002 car crash, has settled her lawsuit against the driver for \$2 million, her attorney said Friday.

Gabor, 88, suffered broken bones in the

November crash and received stitches to close wounds to her head, hands, arms and legs. The film and television actress was a passenger in the front seat of a car that struck a light pole on Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood. The car was driven by her housekeeper, Jaren Millard, who suffered minor injuries.

**Fla. right-to-die case:** State welfare officials are investigating about 30 allegations that Michael Schiavo abused, neglected or exploited his wife, Terri, the severely brain-damaged woman whose life he has been fighting to end, according to a court document made public Friday.

In the petition filed last week, the state Department of Children & Families asked the judge who ordered Terri Schiavo's feeding tube removed on March 18 to postpone his order until the agency can investigate 34 pages of materials documenting the alleged abuse of Terri Schiavo.

**Religious Gibson stalker:** An Idaho driver who claimed he was on a mission from God to pray with actor-director Mel Gibson was convicted of felony stalking Friday in Los Angeles.

Jurors deliberated for less than three hours before finding 34-year-old Zack Sinclair guilty. He could face 3 years in prison.

**Gruesome windshield death:** An appeals court upheld the murder conviction of a woman who hit a homeless man with her car and then left him to die after he became lodged in her windshield.

The 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, Texas, upheld Chante Mallard's conviction Thursday. Her attorney had argued that the evidence was legally and factually insufficient to convict her in the death of Gregory Glenn Biggs.

**Falwell hospitalization:** The Rev. Jerry Falwell left a Lynchburg hospital Friday morning after a stay of almost two weeks while he battled pneumonia.

"I'm a little hoarse, but I'm alive and well and glad to hear from you," Falwell said from his Lynchburg home, where his family gathered Friday.

## World

**Iran nuclear program:** Iran said Saturday

it will never agree to permanently stop making nuclear fuel and warned that a more unstable Middle East would result from a bid to haul Tehran before the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

Any effort by Washington to bring Tehran's suspended uranium enrichment program under the Security Council scrutiny is a dangerous ploy, warned Hasan Rowhani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator.

**North Korea nuclear talks:** The United States should meet one-on-one with North Korea to help revive stalled six-nation talks on the North's nuclear program, a Chinese official was Saturday quoted as saying.

"To restart negotiations and make progress, I hope Washington agrees to hold bilateral talks with Pyongyang," said Yang Xiyu, director of the China Foreign Ministry's office for Korean Peninsula Issues, according to the official newspaper China Daily.

## War on terrorism

**Training Iraqi troops:** Germany will train 250 more Iraqi soldiers in the United Arab Emirates, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Saturday, signaling further cooperation with the United States from an ally that strongly opposed the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Germany will send 70 military trainers to the United Arab Emirates in April and May for the new round of training, Schroeder said during a stop in Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates. Germany began training Iraqi forces last year, and has also schooled 440 Iraqi police officers in the Emirates.

**Pakistan militants hunt:** Pakistani troops raided a militant hide-out Saturday in a remote tribal area near Afghanistan, triggering a shootout that left two foreigners dead and 11 people arrested, an army spokesman said.

The troops also seized a large number of weapons in the raid near Miran Shah, the main town in northwest Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, said Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan.

**Guantanamo investigation:** The commander of the U.S. detention center for terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said Friday he suspended three Army officers accused of "personal misconduct."

Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood, commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, said he suspended two lieutenant colonels and one colonel and referred an allegation against a fourth officer to the Army.

The allegations do not involve detainees at Guantanamo, Hood said.

Stories and photos from wire services

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*Sixty years after it was built to shield Japanese imperial forces from U.S. attacks, the extensive network of caves in the hills of Yokosuka will at last be closed and sealed.*



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Guests take a tour of the caves under Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, after a ceremony officially sealing the caves on Friday. The caves most recently were used for a command center for Commander, Naval Forces Japan.

# Sealed in history beneath the earth

BY JULIANA GITTER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — More than 60 years after his father gave the blessing opening the labyrinthine caves under Yokosuka's shipyard, a Shinto priest gave a blessing Friday to officially seal them.

The caves were dug into the hills with picks and shovels to fortify against possible American attacks during World War II. The system included rails for moving heavy equipment, a hospital and even a power substation.

After the United States took over the base, the caves — totaling approximately 16 miles — held the Navy hospital and several command centers.

Safety fears from falling rocks caused the U.S. Navy to seal off much of the system of halls and walkways 30 years ago. The final area of caves still in use was vacated when the Japanese government built a new Command and Control Center near by last year.

“It's hard to find exactly what went on in here.”

Tom Stith

Commander, Naval Forces Japan operations

The Japanese military began building the caves in 1938. The cave system went on to swell as the military later ordered all commands on the base to build additional emergency shelters against air raids.

The patchwork system extended several levels and opened out into small holes dotted around the base.

Most of the caves were closed off after World War II and the remaining working areas were converted into rooms with metal walls and flooring.

“It's hard to find exactly what went on in here,” said Cmdr. Tom Stith, from CNFJ operations, during a tour for visitors attending the closing ceremony.

Much of the cave's history still is classified, so its functions before and after the

war aren't completely clear. During the Korean War, it was used as an emergency shelter. It also served for storage.

Fluorescent lights now cast an eerie pallor over the windowless room inside the main area, used as the Commander, Naval Forces Japan operations center. A yellowing map covers one gigantic wall, where in years past a sailor on a ladder attached to a rail would roll back and forth plotting coordinates.

Down a long hall, a locked door marks the entrance to the original caves, where the rounded rock walls still drip water.

Along the ceilings, bits of metal protrude where light systems once ran.

In the late 1970s, Senior Chief Petty Officer Harold L. Jarrell, operations chief for the CNFJ operations and plans depart-

ment, spent his workdays inside the structure. A large glass apparatus called “the octopus” was heated and set before blowers to draw moisture out, to protect the sensitive equipment inside, he recalled.

During earthquakes he and his co-workers could hear rocks breaking off and hitting the internal metal walls the Americans added to the caves, which were used then for storage.

Jarrell said he remembered being joined at work by the mosquitoes that loved the damp, dark passages, and by giant wolf spiders.

“You'd come in in the morning, open the door and they'd look at you eyeball to eyeball,” he said.

Most of the entrances to the caves were cemented over in the 1970s as the Navy began gradually shutting down the structures.

With the last personnel vacating the premises, the Yokosuka facilities office now will take over the caves for safekeeping.

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## Atsugi, Camp Butler take top environmental honors

BY JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — A Marine Corps base and a Navy base in Japan are among a number of installations garnering the Navy's top environmental stewardship awards this year.

Selected under 2004 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards competition, Naval Air

Facility Atsugi in Japan and Marine Corps Base Camp Butler on Okinawa took top honors for overseas installations.

Atsugi is the home of Carrier Air Wing 5, the airborne teeth of the Kitty Hawk battle group.

Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler includes eight main camps on Okinawa — Foster, Courtney, Kinser, Lester, Hansen, Schwab, MCAS Futen-

ma and Camp Gonsalves, which is the home of the Jungle Warfare Training Center — as well as Fuji on mainland Japan.

According to a Navy announcement, the awards program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps individuals, teams, ships and installations for exceptional care of the environment.

Other winners include:

■ **Natural Resources Conservation Large Installation Award:** Naval Base Coronado, Calif. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ **Cultural Resources Management Installation Award:** Naval Base Kitsap at Bremerton, Wash.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

■ **Cultural Resources Management Individual or Team Award:** James V. Sartain, Naval Support Activity, Panama City, Fla. Bryan P. Howard, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

■ **Environmental Quality Industrial Installation Award:** Naval Air Depot Cherry Point, N.C.

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

■ **Environmental Quality Small Ship Award:** USS McCuskey, San Diego

■ **Pollution Prevention Non-industrial Installation Award:**

Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

■ **Marine Corps Base Hawaii Pollution Prevention Individual or Team Award:** Navy Region Northwest Pollution Prevention and Response Team, Wash.

Kathleen Stiles, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

■ **Environmental Restoration, Installation Award:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Hawaii

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Awards will be presented May 3 at the U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C.

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### Correction

Army Deputy Surgeon General Maj. Gen. Joseph Webb was incorrectly identified in the March 5 article “Wounded reservists decry poor health care.”

# Fighting to bring her boys home

## Mother lobbies DOD to prevent 3 sons from simultaneous tours in Iraq

BY AVIS THOMAS-LESTER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Ann Swann's twin sons were deployed to Iraq with the Marine Corps Reserve last year, she fired off a letter to President Bush. Her eldest son already was serving there with the Army Reserve, she explained, and she wanted one of her boys brought home.

"This letter is from a concerned mother," wrote Swann, 53, principal of Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary in Prince George's County, Md. "I request that if at all possible, you conference with me to discuss the reason that all three of my sons (my only family) are serving in Iraq."

What Swann discovered since sending her letter in the fall has surprised her: The Department of Defense has no prohibition on sending every child in a family into combat — even in the same unit at the same location.

The only way to get her sons back early would be if one were killed, captured, maimed or missing.

Then the so-called Sullivan rule, named for the Iowa family who lost five sons on the USS *Intrepid* after it was attacked in 1942, would allow Swann to request that her remaining sons be excluded from combat or any duty that would expose them to hostile fire.

That's what John and Lori Witter, did when their daughter Michelle, 20, was killed in Iraq last year serving in the Wisconsin National Guard. Her sister Rachael, 25, who served with her in the 32nd Military Police Company, and her twin sister, Charity, 21, a



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Henry Swann says he and his two siblings did not want to be released from duty in Iraq, but that he "was really worried" about how it would affect his mother, Ann, if something were to happen to him and his brothers, who all were serving in a combat zone at the same time. Henry Swann returned home two weeks ago.

medic, did not to return to Iraq after their parents pleaded that they be allowed to remain state-side.

"Common sense would say that one hero per family should be enough," John Witter of New Berlin, Wis., said in a telephone interview. "That way, the brothers and sisters wouldn't have to be put in the position of feeling like they deserted their families if they went back or that they deserted their country if they stayed home."

Swann said she believes a policy should take effect before a parent loses any children.

"When you have men and women who are in the family tree

who are deployed to war, there is a chance that a branch might break," said Swann, whose eldest son, Henry, a sergeant, returned to the family home in Glenn Dale two weeks ago after his deployment ended. "Taking all the children from families and putting them in harm's way could stunt the growth of those family trees and endanger those families."

She has persuaded Rep. Albert Wynn, D-Md., to take a look at the issue.

In an interview, Wynn said there should be a mechanism to keep all the siblings in a family from being deployed "into a war

zone" if one of the children or a parent disagrees. He said he has asked his staff to investigate and believes a bill may be needed to open debate on the issue.

"I thought there was a general policy about that dating back to World War II, but now I realize that the rule only [applies] if one sibling has died," he said.

Military officials acknowledge that there probably are many families who have more than one child deployed, but they say they have no way of tracking them.

"Some siblings don't have the same name, and then you also get into half-siblings and step-siblings," said Staff Sgt. Christina

Delai, a Marine spokeswoman. "I think that since there are so many ways to relate to someone, it would be almost impossible" to prevent them from being deployed simultaneously.

The deployment in June of Swann's twin sons Sgts. Bryan and Ryan Swann, 24, with Andrews-based Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron came a few months after their brother Henry's deployment with the 14th Quartermaster Company based in Annapolis.

In addition to writing the White House, Swann wrote to Wynn and Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md. Wynn sent a letter on Swann's behalf to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld asking that he "strongly consider bringing at least one of her sons home."

Swann received a four-line response on White House stationery from Heidi Marquez, director of presidential correspondence. It said: "The White House is sending your inquiry to the Defense Department. This agency has the expertise to address your concerns. They will respond directly to you, as promptly as possible."

"I've never heard another word from them," Swann said.

Henry Swann said that he and his brothers did not want to be released from duty but that he shared his mother's concern for the family. Ann Swann's mother, Mary Frances McDonald, 76, was killed during an attempted robbery at a flower shop in 2003 and her father died a few months later. "There had already been so much tragedy in our family," Henry Swann said. "I was really worried about what would happen with my mother if something happened to me and my brothers."

### Enlisted Spouses Club schedules meeting

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club will host a membership meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Enlisted Club.

The club is open to servicemembers, civilian equivalents and their spouses. Monday's meeting will feature speakers, games and family activities.

E-mail yokotaesce@hotmail.com for more information.

### Heritage Month committee to meet Tuesday

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Asian-American Pacific Islanders Heritage Month Committee will meet Tuesday at the Yujo Recreation Center. The meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Call DSN 225-4126 for more information.

### Cashier cage hours change

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 37th Medical Group's cashier cage now has new operating hours.

The new hours of operation are: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Monday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The cage is closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and closed all day on the second Friday of every month.

### AFES to hold Garden Shop grand opening

KADENSA AIR BASE, Okinawa — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold a grand opening of its Garden Shop, at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Kadensha Main Exchange.

The celebration will include festivities and specials throughout the day, and more than 500 live plants will be on sale to help AFEES customers get ready for spring, said Kadensha Outdoor Living Sales Area Manager Costella Hogan.

From staff reports

## U.S.-South Korea exercise to include Kitty Hawk sailors, Okinawa Marines

BY JOSEPH GIORDANO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Marines from Okinawa and sailors from Japan will be among the participants in this year's version of annual joint U.S.-South Korean war games scheduled to kick off March 19 at various locations on the peninsula.

According to U.S. and South Korean military officials, the Foal Eagle and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (RSOI) exercises are scheduled to last one week and will involve the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier, Marines on high speed transports and Striker armored vehicles.

The two exercises, combined since 2002, together are the largest annual joint exercise for the two allies.

While the simulated enemy is never named, the exercise scenarios involve an enemy whose characteristics mirror those of North Korea.

In a statement released last week announcing the exercise, the Combined Forces Command — the U.S.-led joint warfighting command with South Korea — repeated its long-standing statement that the exercises are defensive in nature and intended to improve the ability to defend against an attack.

But, North Korea on Saturday repeated its also long-standing complaints about the exercise, calling it a prelude to an invasion. The two Koreas technically remain in a state of war, because the 1950s conflict between them ended with an armistice instead of a full peace treaty.

The two Koreas have stirred international concern by pursuing a nuclear weapons program, claiming last month it possesses nuclear weapons and that it was boycotting further negotiations.

The RSOI portion of this month's exercise focuses on rear-area security and how forces

coming from outside South Korea would be integrated into the battle.

It also covers logistics aspects of South Korean forces.

Lt. Cmdr. John Bernard, a Navy spokesman in Japan, confirmed the Kitty Hawk would be involved in the exercise.

Marine spokespeople on Okinawa also confirmed units on Okinawa would take part.

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# Documents: Prison abuse recorded by troops in Iraq

Probe finds footage to be 'inappropriate,' but not criminal

By RICHARD A. SERRANO

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In a twist on the offensive photography that inflamed the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal, a separate group of U.S. soldiers in Iraq shot a video of themselves beating prisoners and using the body of a dead Iraqi to "wave hello," according to documents released Friday.

The digital video disc, which soldiers derisively titled "Ramadi Madness," a reference to a turbulent city in Iraq's Sunni Triangle, prompted an internal Army investigation of the Florida National Guard troops from West Palm Beach who were involved. The video was brought to the attention of Army supervisors by a civilian public affairs employee in Florida who expressed disgust after viewing the scenes of soldiers reveling among beaten and dead Iraqi combatants.

The internal investigation determined that the footage "contained inappropriate rather than criminal behavior," according to military records. Investigators later determined that the DVD was destroyed by an officer who

learned of the internal investigation. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, no criminal charges ever were filed.

The investigation was among thousands of new pages of military documents the ACLU obtained in a lawsuit seeking information on detention practices. The Army turned over the information to the ACLU, also releasing the documents Friday to reporters at the Pentagon. The ACLU issued descriptions of the documents.

The ACLU said the descriptions of the video and other new Army documents raise fresh concerns about whether the military is seriously concerned with prisoner abuse, nearly a year after the first revelations that prison guards and interrogators mistreated detainees at the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib compound near Baghdad, Iraq.

According to the files, the DVD was a recording of Florida National Guard activities in Iraq between 2003 and 2004. The soldiers were identified as being from B Company, 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment.

The scenes included shots of soldiers kicking a prisoner wear-

ing plastic handcuffs who was on the ground and moaning after apparently being shot in the abdomen. He had been shot after allegedly wielding a gun against American soldiers during a raid, the Army documents said.

According to the ACLU, the prisoner later died. In another videotaped scene, a soldier appeared to be hitting a bound prisoner in the head with a rifle butt as interrogators were attempting to question him. The prisoner was apparently denting for throwing rocks at a U.S. military convoy, according to the descriptions.

One soldier told interrogators that the rifle-butting was actually only a staged event and that the prisoner was never struck.

A third scene showed a soldier trying to wave the hand of a dead Iraqi at the camera after the Iraqi had been shot to death in a truck at a U.S. checkpoint. The soldier told investigators he was only repositioning the body because there was concern over a possible missile inside the truck.

Another scene reportedly showed soldiers yelling profanities at Iraqi civilians as the soldiers were on what was described as a joy ride in a van normally used for carrying prisoners.

## Patriotic homecoming



James Barnett awaits the arrival of his stepdad Cpl. Brian Vest, Saturday, in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Vest, attached to the 1-109th Field Artillery Company B, was returning from active duty in Iraq.

# Report says Patriot missile problems led to three deaths

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A number of problems with Patriot missile defenses and related systems contributed to three friendly fire deaths during the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, according to a new Pentagon report, which nonetheless says the Patriot was a "substantial success" during the fighting.

Patriots appear to have shot down nine incoming Iraqi short-range ballistic missiles during the invasion, which bombed a radar in response. The incidents took place in March and April 2003.

The report, posted on a military Web site this week, was authored by a task force of the Defense Science Board, which advises Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld on a range of issues.

In general, the report attributes the friendly fire incidents to the technical difficulty of tracking a single incoming missile among the hundreds of friendly aircraft that flew sorties during the early part of the war. Specifically, it pointed to three shortfalls:

■ Well-known, but still uncorrected, problems with a system called IFF, for "identification friend or foe," that aircraft can't identify them to American and allied systems as friendly.

Patriots should be restricted from firing at aircraft broadcasting a friendly signal, but the shoot-down of the British aircraft in particular was blamed on faulty IFF.

"This is not exactly a surprise; this poor performance has been seen in many training exercises.

The Task Force (that authored the report) remains puzzled as to why this deficiency never garners enough resolve and support to result in a robust fix," the report says.

■ Overall problems with the ability of missile defense systems and other ground-based and airborne radars to pass information to one another, which leaves Patriot crew members in the dark about the total picture in the skies.

■ The communication links, the ability to correlate target tracks by disparate sensors, and the overall information architecture are simply not there. Thus, a Patriot battery on the battlefield can be very much alone," the report says.

■ An over-reliance by crew members and commanders on Patriot computers, rather than their own intuition. Patriot crews are trained for situations where they face a rain of missiles, not one filled with a few missiles mixed in among friendly aircraft.

Previously, U.S. Central Command officials said Patriots downed at least 10 of the 17 missiles fired at Kuwait. Why the Pentagon report claims one less missile was killed is unclear, although it says that all nine missiles that entered an area protected by Patriots were shot down.

"In an overall sense, the Task Force assessed the Patriot missile defense in [Operation Iraqi Freedom] to be a substantial success," the report says. During the 1991 Gulf War, the military and Raytheon, the Patriot's manufacturer, claimed high success — up to 80 percent — with earlier versions of the Patriot. Congress' General Accounting Office later found that Patriots intercepted no more than four of 47 Iraqi Scud missiles, a 9 percent success rate. The Pentagon has spent more than \$3 billion improving the Patriots since then.

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# Italians angered over hostage incident

BY ANGELA DOLAND  
The Associated Press

ROME — With relief and outrage, Italy on Saturday welcomed home a hostage freed in Iraq, where public opinion opposed the government's decision to send 3,000 troops to help President Bush secure postwar Iraq.

The shooting at a U.S. checkpoint in Baghdad was likely to spur anti-war sentiment in Italy, where public opinion opposed the government's decision to send 3,000 troops to help President Bush secure postwar Iraq.

Already Saturday, about 100 demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in Rome blocked traffic, and one banner read: "USA, war criminals." A few dozen communist demonstrators in Milan handed out leaflets reading, "Shame on you, Bush."

Freed hostage Giuliana Sgrena, a 56-year-old journalist for the communist newspaper Il Manifesto, arrived at a Rome airport looking haggard, with a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. She walked unsteadily and was hooked up to an intravenous drip following surgery to remove shrapnel from her shoulder.

From a Rome military hospital, Sgrena recounted her ordeal.

Soon after she was freed from a month in captivity, a U.S. armored vehicle opened fire on the car carrying her to the airport Friday. Intelligence officer Nicola Calipari likely died trying to protect her, she said. "We thought the danger was over after my rescue," she told Rai News 24 television by telephone. "And instead suddenly there was this shooting, we were hit by a spray of fire. I was talking to Nicola ... when he leaned over me,

probably to defend me, and then he slumped over. That was a truly terrible thing."

The U.S. military said the car Sgrena was riding in after her release was speeding as it approached a coalition checkpoint in western Baghdad on its way to the airport. It said soldiers shot into the engine block only after trying to warn the driver to stop by "hand and arm signals, flashing white lights and firing warning shots."

Sgrena, who was interviewed by prosecutors at the Rome hospital, denied that the car was speeding, news reports said.

Calipari was the brother of a priest who serves on a Vatican advisory body, Vatican radio reported Saturday, and Pope John Paul II sent a message of condolence to the slain agent's family.

Calipari was to be awarded a posthumous medal of valor.

## Syria force pull-back

DAMASCUS, Syria — President Bashar Assad on Saturday announced a two-stage pullback of Syrian forces to the Lebanese border failed to address broad international demands that he completely withdraw Syria's 15,000 troops after nearly 30 years in the country.

Assad also did not respond to President Bush's demand just a day earlier that Syria have all its troops and intelligence agents out of Lebanon before its parliamentary elections in May.

Instead, Assad said his plan would put Syria in full compliance with international agreements and U.N. demands.

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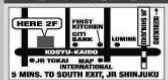
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# France struggles with 'the horror of horror'

## Nation, town try to cope with massive pedophilia scandal

By VERENA VON DERSCHAU

The Associated Press

ANGERS, France — The colorful playgrounds and prim plantings of this working class housing complex seem to have hidden a grim secret for years. Inside, prosecutors say, parents allegedly raped, abused and pimped their children — some not yet old enough to walk.

Well-maintained, modern and inviting, the three-story apartment buildings of the Saint-Leonard neighborhood in the western town of Angers were designed to make life in low-income housing civilized.

But some of the residents who moved in after it opened in 1998 are accused of terrible acts.

Sixty-six people have gone on trial this week for crimes of pedophilia that have stunned France. The case, coming on the heels of another high-profile pedophilia trial in northern France last year, has prompted renewed soul-searching about how people could sink so low in a country that prides itself as an economic and political leader of Europe.

Investigators say 45 children — ages from 6 months to 14 years — were abused by their parents or people close to them from 1999 to 2002, in some cases in exchange for small amounts of money, food, cigarettes or alcohol. A grandfather of



An unidentified suspect hides upon arrival at the courthouse in Angers, western France, on Friday. It was the second day of the trial of 66 people accused of involvement in the rape, sexual abuse and prostitution of dozens of children and babies.

some of the children allegedly filmed rapes and other abuse.

The trial's second day Friday was devoted to presenting the more than 200 witnesses to the court.

In Angers, known for its medieval castle and Cointreau liquor, some residents refuse to accept that such crimes could be

perpetrated in their midst, Angers' Deputy Mayor Michelle Moreau said.

"I've heard people say to me, 'But you know, these children were used to it,' " she said. "It's the horror of horror."

The trial is expected to last four months. But getting over the horror could take far longer.

"It is an ordeal," said Moreau, who oversees policing for City Hall.

French newspapers in recent days have been full of questions by child psychologists and columnists asking how something so ghastly and so enormous could have gone undetected so long.

Part of the explanation was the tight-knit nature of the ring — husbands forced wives and parents forced children, lawyers said.

"We're talking about family networks. There is a code of silence, a family law takes over," said Jacques Monier, a lawyer who represents 11 child victims. "And the children do not talk."

Defense attorney Monique Vimont described her client, one of the principal defendants, as "a woman worn out by life," who was beaten by her husband and pressured to commit crimes against children. Under French law, the defendants cannot be named, to protect the identities of their alleged child victims.

The case came to light in 2000, when a 16-year-old girl alleged she had been raped by her mother's boyfriend and his brother.

Alcoholism, poverty and, defense lawyers claim, a failure of social workers to spot signs of abuse may have played a role.

More than half of the accused, ages 27 to 73, were unemployed, living off benefits in state-supported housing. Some of the accused were abused themselves as children, defense attorneys say.

"The person I'm defending sits in the box next to his father, who is the perpetrator of sexual acts on his only young age — and now is his accomplice," said Pascal Rouffier, an attorney who represents five defendants.



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## Drugs in Afghanistan

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The report said the area in Afghanistan devoted to poppy cultivation last year set a record of more than 510,000 acres, more than triple the figure for 2003.

## Indonesia unrest

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia's military on Saturday claimed it had killed 30 separatist rebels in tsunami-ravaged Aceh province in the space of a week, threatening a fragile truce agreed on after the Dec. 26 natural disaster.

A rebel spokesman alleged most of the 30 were unarmed villagers caught up in army sweeps.

A top commander, meanwhile, reportedly accused the rebels of lying during ongoing peace talks.

## Hong Kong leader ill?

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's leader seemed healthy a couple of weeks ago. But since rumors started swirling recently that he's going to quit because of ill health, people have started noticing things.

TV stations have been showing over and over interviews with Tung's political allies, who seem to be going out of their way to find signs of severe fatigue that might justify the slumpy 67-year-old Tung's possible resignation.

"He rarely had the flu before. But now, it takes him a long time to recover from the flu. That's a side effect of his health," said Cheng Yu-tong, a Hong Kong delegate to China's legislature.

## Freedom of the press

MANILA, Philippines — A Filipino journalists' group on Saturday condemned the military's proposal to penalize reporters or news organizations who air statements by alleged terrorists, saying it was an assault on press freedom.

The military wants a tough anti-terror law that would penalize "mass media stations that tolerate or allow known terrorists or terrorist organization to use their facilities to air anti-people, anti-state sentiments and incite the people to rebel against their government," said Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan on Friday.

## Pope recovery update

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II met with a top cardinal and sent messages to students and Italy's premier Saturday, reinforcing the Vatican's portrayal of a pope who is alert and attending to church business even as he recovers from his latest health crisis.

The Vatican said the frail, 84-year-old pontiff again would give a silent blessing on Sunday from a window of Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital, where he is getting breathing and speech therapy after throat surgery to ease his second respiratory crisis in a month.

From The Associated Press





# Thundering out of the gate

## Talk of reform across the globe is positive beginning to Rice's term as top diplomat

BY GEORGE GEDDA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Israel and the Palestinians are talking peace. Egypt is thinking about holding competitive elections. The Iraq vote was surprisingly smooth. Syria is talking about leaving Lebanon.

Not a bad six weeks for America's new diplomat-in-chief, Condoleezza Rice. Indeed, she may be off to the fastest start of any secretary of state in memory.

Colin Powell, recently seen on holiday in the Caribbean, perhaps wished he could have stayed on a little longer to bask in the spate of good news.

Powell left the State Department for the last time on Jan. 25, missing by five days the Iraqi election and by two weeks the Israeli-Palestinian truce.

He was never able to make much headway on the Middle East during his watch. He took office not long after the second Palestinian intifada began in the region. He was gone just before it seems to have ended. He never had a meaningful opening to work within the region.

Not surprisingly, Rice seems to

### Analysis

be enjoying life in her State Department perch.

"It is a great job at a great time," she told PBS' "NewsHour" with Jim Lehrer. "This is a wonderful time for those of us who care about the spread of freedom and liberty, and it's a great time for the Euro-Atlantic alliance."

That may be an overstatement, but the Iraq war syndrome that plagued the alliance does seem to be fading. Somewhat improbably, the United States and France are joining hands in seeking a Lebanon free of Syrian troops.

Kurt Campbell, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, says Rice has benefited from a combination of skill and good fortune.

He also credits her with putting together a strong team, "one of the strongest teams in decades."

Powell's team was highly competent, he says, but there was always the sense that it was under siege and "maybe a little on the outs" with others in the administration.

Peter Brookes, of the Heritage

Foundation, said he doesn't subscribe to the thesis that Powell didn't have much influence.

"The devil's advocate view is also important to the development of policy," he says, predicting that history will be kind to Powell.

"He was an architect of what we are seeing today," he said.

The recent positive trends, Brookes adds, are a vindication of President Bush's policies, of which, he notes, Rice certainly has been a part for some time.

Not so fast with the victory laps, says Michael O'Hanlon, of the Brookings Institution.

He acknowledges that Rice has had a few breaks but asks, "What problems have been solved? It's a little early to take things to the bank."

He believes the Middle East still offers more problems than opportunities for the United States.

Nobody should be gushing, O'Hanlon adds, over the announcement by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that he favors a constitutional change that would permit competitive elections.

"Is Egypt solved because Mubarak has figured out a way to make elections look competitive when they probably won't be?" O'Hanlon asks.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has witnessed successful Iraqi elections, promises of election reform in Egypt and a reform movement in Lebanon during the first six weeks in her new post.

## Participants fear legacy of Ala. march in jeopardy

BY SAMIRA JAFARI

The Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Barbershop owner Floyd Tolbert has marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma every March during the annual rite celebrating the voting rights pilgrimage of 1965.

Each time, he has watched the marchers turn a little grayer, perhaps a step slower — some have grown too old to take part, others have died. And yet, he said, not enough young people have the passion to fill the shoes of those who survived "Bloody Sunday" at Selma's bridge and later completed the historic, 50-mile trek to Montgomery.

"Older folks try to keep marching, but the younger people aren't getting into it," Tolbert said.

March veterans and organizers want the 40th anniversary events to feel relevant to young people who were born long after the "Bloody Sunday" attack by club-wielding troopers and sheriff's deputies, driving marchers back over the bridge into Selma. But some are concerned it has become too commercial, diluting the meaning of the protest that in-



Selma, Ala., barbershop owner Floyd Tolbert stands near the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Thursday. Tolbert has marched across the bridge in Selma every March during the "Bloody Sunday" remembrance since 1966.

spired passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"I think we have to help them see that their future is at stake," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and joined him on the five-day march in 1965.

Among those leading Sunday's anniversary march will be two beneficiaries of the voting law — black U.S. Reps. Artur Davis, a second-term congressman from Birmingham, and John Lewis, a House veteran from Atlanta who was clubbed to the ground on Bloody Sunday. They will be joined by 35 other congressional delegates, celebrities like Harry

Belafonte who marched in 1965, scores of activists and out-of-towners and dozens of locals, such as Tolbert, who remember.

Attracting young people to the march has grown increasingly difficult each year, raising the question of whether the commemoration is losing impact. Historians and activists have resorted to using big-name entertainment to catch the attention of young people in hopes that they stay around long enough to march and learn the meaning of Bloody Sunday from their elders, said Sam Walker, an event coordinator.

"I do think the meaning is kind of lost," said Michelle Pullum, 29. "It's turned into an event to see the next big rap artist."

### Man arrested in fake ID probe

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A 22-year-old man suspected of selling U.S. Army identification cards to nonmilitary personnel was arrested on federal charges and released pending a future court date, the U.S. Marshals Service said Friday.

Yusuf Kahil Jackson turned himself in to federal authorities Wednesday after he saw a television report identifying him as a wanted suspect, said Kevin B. Connolly, a supervisory inspector with the U.S. Marshals.

Jackson was working as a civilian contract employee in the military ID office at Fort Myer and produced the fake IDs between April and October of 2004.

### Texas politician makes nuke joke

DALLAS — A Dallas-area congressman raised eyebrows with his recent offer to personally drop a couple of nuclear bombs on Syria.

But Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, told The Dallas Morning News for a story in Friday's editions that he was "kind of joking" in his comments at a pancake breakfast at a North Texas church.

The Feb. 19 remarks at the Sun Creek United Methodist Church in Allen were first reported this week in Roll Call. The Capitol Hill newspaper reported it had heard a recording of the talk made by an unidentified person in attendance.

### VMI punishes 12 for Nazi garb

LEXINGTON, Va. — Twelve cadets at the Virginia Military Institute have been punished for dressing up as Nazis and drag queens and wearing other costumes deemed inappropriate at a Halloween party in the barracks.

The punishments included confinement to quarters and the writing of essays on the incident.

Photographs of the costumed cadets were posted on the Internet.

From The Associated Press

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Michelle Pullum, 29



# Experts not surprised by primate attack

The Associated Press

HAVILAH, Calif. — Chimpanzees come across to the public as little darlings, often in diapers and always willing to hold hands. But they're really aggressors, primate experts say, more than capable of carrying out attacks as violent as one that left a man fighting for his life.

Generally weighing between 120 and 150 pounds with strength much greater than humans in the wild are known to kill chimps from neighboring groups, hunt other primates and even attack humans.

"Male chimps are intensely ter-

ritorial. They defend their territory against any perceived threat," said Craig Stanford, a professor at the University of Southern California who studies primate behavior.

On Friday, authorities continued to investigate how two chimps at an animal sanctuary escaped from their cage and mauled St. James Davis, 62. They were shot to death during Thursday's attack by the son-in-law of the sanctuary's owners, Virginia and Ralph Brauer.

Animal Haven Ranch, about 30 miles east of Bakersfield, has held state permits to shelter exot-

ic animals since 1985.

It is allowed to house up to nine primates at one time and is home to one spider monkey and six chimpanzees.

"A big part of the investigation will be figuring out whether the owners were in compliance with regulations," Sheriff's Cmdr. Hal Chealander said.



St. James Davis

State wildlife and county health authorities were testing the chimps for rabies and other diseases that could affect the victims' health, Chealander said.

Davis, 62, and his wife, LaDonna Davis, 64, were visiting the sanctuary to celebrate the birthday of a 39-year-old chimpanzee, Moe, who was taken from their home in 1999 after biting off part of a woman's finger.

The couple had brought Moe a cake and were standing outside his cage when the two young male chimps, Ollie and Buddy, attacked the man.

Two other chimps, females

named Susie and Bones, also escaped from the cage. They were recovered outside the sanctuary five hours later.

Susie and Bones could have played a role in the attack, primate experts said.

The chimps chewed off most of Davis' face, tore off his foot and all of his fingers, and attacked his other limbs and genitals. Davis was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he had surgery late Thursday night.

LaDonna Davis was bitten on the hand. She was released from the hospital Friday.

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8	NEWS Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Bulls and Bears (CC)
9	SPTS [5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)	[5:50] <b>Arma Football</b> Teams to be Announced (Taped)
10	SPECT The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)	The Simpsons [The House of Hor- ror] (CC)
11	AFN-FM Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)	Family Oddparents [Rugrats] (CC)
12	AFM [4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)	[4:15] *** "The Nissan" (CC)
24	PBS [The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)	[The New News] [The New News] (CC)
25	SHOW [5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)	[5:30] *** "Cops and Robbers" (1994) (CC)
26	A&E Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)	Crossing Jordan [The New News] (CC)
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29	TFC [15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)	[15:15] <b>TV Patrol</b> World (CC)
30	CNN+ CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition (CC)
31	GOLF [4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)	[4:30] <b>European PGA Golf</b> Dubai Desert Classic - Final Round (CC)
32	TLC A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)	A Haunting in Connecticut (CC)
33	TOON Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)	Powerpuff Girls (CC)
35	ANPL Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? (CC)
36	COM [5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)	[5:30] <b>Jamie Foxx's</b> Late Previews (CC)
40	NOCA- Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)	Wild Dogs in the Okavango Delta (CC)
42	SPKE [5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)	[5:00] <b>WWE Raw</b> Scheduled: Batista signs his contract. (CC)
43	FOX That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)
44	BET [5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Jacksons: An American Dream</b> (CC)
46	COURT [5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)
48	STR-UD [5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Simpsons</b> (CC)
50	LIFE [5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Real Reunion</b> (CC)
51	ABC&F [5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Who's Line Is It Anyway?</b> (CC)
53	HIST [5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Deep Sea Detectives</b> (CC)
57	STR-W [5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>The Preacher's Wife</b> (CC)
58	ADV 1 [5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>Action Asia</b> (CC)
59	MTV [5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>MTV Awards</b> (CC)
60	NICK [5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)	[5:00] <b>SpongeBob</b> (CC)

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<b>Morning</b> 10:25 Korean Drama: Lovers in Paris (12) <b>Afternoon</b> 12:30 Nash Bridges (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1994): Only You 2 (2002) 2:50 News (6) <b>Evening</b> 7:30 News (1) 10:00 News (1) 10:00 Nikita (42) 2:28 Star Trek: DS9 (8)	8:15 World News Hour 9:15 World News Hour 10:10 BS Documentary: Eradication of Polio (1) 11:15 CNN News <b>Afternoon</b> 12:30 What's On Asia (7) 2:15 ABC News 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News <b>Evening</b> 6:15 CNN News 7:15 News Today: Asia 8:15 News Today: World 9:15 Economic News 10:15 BS Documentary: Supermarket Giants 11:15-20:00 World Nordic Skating Championships Highlights 11:15 BS Documentary: History of Indiscriminate Bombing (2/2/01)
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<b>Morning</b> 10:00 Classical Music: Yoshiko Kawamuto (viola) <b>Afternoon</b> 12:00 Classical Music (1939): Stagecoach (140) <b>Evening</b> 7:00 NHK News 7:50 U.S. Movie (1999): The Cider House Rules (7:10) 10:00 TV Series: EP IX (1) 12:00 U.S. Movie (1982): Tootsie (2:00)	2:15 Asian News 3:15 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News Hour <b>Morning</b> 7:45 Oswald (43) 10:10 U.S. Movie (2001): Festival in Cannes (1:47) <b>Afternoon</b> 12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1) 1:00 U.S. Movie (1994): Speed (2:00) 2:00 News Special: Sumatra Tsunami 3:00 Asia Aids: Sumatra Tsunami Charity 4:00 Making the Video: Asia Aid 5:00 Making the Video: Asia Aid <b>Evening</b> 6:00 Spanish Soccer: La Espanola 7:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Blood Work (2:00) 10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Kill Bill (1, 2:00) 12:00 Spanish Soccer: La Espanola
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<b>Morning</b> 6:00 Wake Up 7:00 M Size Friday	8:00 Top Choice 9:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 Rocks 1:00 Classic 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 News Special: Sumatra Tsunami 3:00 Asia Aids: Sumatra Tsunami Charity 4:00 Making the Video: Asia Aid 5:00 Making the Video: Asia Aid <b>Evening</b> 6:00 M Size Monday 7:00 U.S. Movie (2001): 20 to Life with Super Dey 9:00 Catch 9:30 Top Choice 10:00 Rocks 10:00 Classic 10:00 M Size Monday 2:00 Making the Video: Gwen Stefani 2:30 Catch the Rhythm 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours
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## OPINION

## When you've got good PR, who needs shame?

text BY MARGARET CARLSON

**W**hen I crossed one threshold of shame back when stars fighting addiction became "Entertainment Tonight" staples. Gone was AA with its anonymity. In was Betty Ford. Far from being an impediment, detox turned out to be a good career move.

Now we've crossed another threshold of shame from doing time at Alderson Federal Prison Camp where, when she went in. The Old Martha was on cable (except for those occasional short segments paired with a Cuisinart on the third-rated "CBS Morning News"). The New Martha, who will be under house arrest for five months at her 153-acre Bedford, N.Y., estate, has escaped the ghetto of the high-numbered channels to breathe the clear air of the networks with two new shows, one of which is the only sanctioned spinoff of Donald Trump's show, "The Apprentice." She's so hot, ankle bracelets could become stylish.

I'm all for ex-cons going on to lead fulfilling lives once they've paid their debt, but I do think they ought to start with a small show of remorse. Martha is having her share without admitting what she did was wrong or apologizing to the poor schlubs who bought the stock she unloaded just before it tanked. At least drug recidivist Robert Downey Jr. pleaded for forgiveness before his comeback.

I had moments of sympathy for Martha, especially when I felt the prosecutor had gone too far. Men engage in insider trading every day at lunch. Was Martha singled out for trading with a female? Then, when the prosecutor couldn't get her for the un-

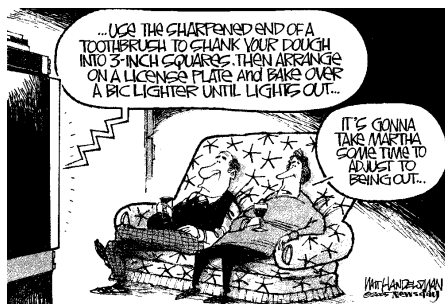
derlying crime, he sent her to jail for making false statements. Some of her sentence had to be for just being so uppity and so devoted to table settings and glue guns. So I was proud of her for taking her lumps like a man when so few men in her situation do. (Enron's Ken Lay, who plundered his company, leaving hundreds of clerks and secretaries penniless, is still hiding behind lawyers in a Houston mansion.)

But still, did she need to be so defiant about it? She went into prison early (deciding not to wait until her appeals were concluded), but only so she could be out in time for planting season. Only rappers get to be that remorseless. Snop Dogg can be charged with murder, get cleared and then watch his next CD go platinum. But white-collar felons usually beg for forgiveness and do good works.

After serving 22 months, for instance, Michael Milken devoted himself to his ongoing philanthropic efforts and raising money for cancer research. Wealthy real-estate developer and Sotbey Chairman A. Alfred Taubman, who was rattled out by his assistant, returned to polite society after serving nearly a year for price fixing to give away even more money than before. He's also restoring the riverfront in depressed inner-city Detroit.

Martha shared something with them: They all came out looking better physically than when they went in. Taubman was noticeably svelter after a diet absent foie gras. Martha lost weight and the helmet cut Milken learned there was life without a toupee.

What she doesn't have in common with old-time white-collar felons is shame. And that's the reason "The Apprentice" for Martha, Stewart" ultimately won't hurt her. It's



one thing if she were just returning to a show where she painted her henhouse aubergine and awoke at dawn for dewy grass for a spring centerpiece. It's quite another to hold herself up as the role model for budding entrepreneurs. Really, there's got to be some morality in a morality play.

The program Martha's been training for on the inside should really be called "Crime Spinners." Her five months inside were all about spin — marketing her corporate turnaround and buffing her image. I lapped it all up: "Nice Spice Rack," screamed the New York Post after Martha reportedly listed seasonings out of the prison commissary and stuffed them in her bra. She taught yoga, helped inmates write letters and adapted haute cuisine to the microwave.

"Crime Spinners" would continue the effective work of her PR team. Each week would showcase a diverse and ever-changing group of panelists who would be taught how to succeed as an ex-con without being sorry. She could round up Bernie Ebbers, Kenny Boy Lay, Dennis Kozlowski, Jack

Grubman, Tom DeLay. (I'm assuming a little here, but some of these will appear second season.) She could teach the fine art of calligraphy when writing or endorsing checks of dubious provenance, how to use corporate aircraft for private vacations, securing loans that never have to be repaid and serving chamomile tea in fine china cups while doing it.

Trump could make a guest appearance to show how your companies can go bankrupt but you keep the jet, the mansions and the beach property.

She won't be able to call on fellow remorseless recent ex-cons Grubman, the PR person who moved down 16 people with her Mercedes outside a club in the Hamptons. The minute she got out of prison, she began rebekas for her own show on MTV. Crime catapulted her from pimping for starlets to being one.

Shame is so last season. Let me this one time emulate the Donald: Martha, you're fired.

Carlson is a contributing editor of Time magazine and a panelist on CNN's "The Capital Gang." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## Reaching out to American women, through their stomachs

Chicago Tribune

**I**t's not the Statue of Liberty, the liberation of Paris or Bobbie Barod, but the book "French Women Don't Get Fat" may be just the thing to thaw Franco-American relations. The author, Mireille Guiliano, was born and raised in France but professes to love America.

Loves it so much, she's willing to impart a little diet and lifestyle advice our way.

There aren't many diet books that extol the virtues of bread and chocolate for 24 pages and include recipes for such delights as croissants (made with 12 tablespoons of sweet butter), baguettes and chocolate rice pudding (don't forget the 3 ounces of dark chocolate).

But this is more of a trans-Atlantic living and eating primer by a woman who bulked up so much when she was an exchange student in the United States that her father said she resembled a sack of potatoes when she got home.

Married to an American, she lives in New York and is president and CEO of Clicknet Inc.

Is there a different mindset that makes Americans more prone to gain weight than their French counterparts? Guiliano seems to think so. "The wisdom of the French

way of eating and living, and in particular the uncanny power of French women to stay svelte, remains little understood, much less exploited," she wrote.

Part of that ability to stay svelte may lie in the French paradox — the French eat such rich foods yet have such a low rate of coronary disease. Moderate consumption of wine with meals might provide one answer for this medical riddle. But Guiliano

insists that differences between the French and the Americans go far beyond that.

Her message: Drink plenty of water, eat more fruits and vegetables, go for quality not quantity, make dining an occasion. No low-carb miracle fads, just a simple approach more easily understood than the latest fad pyramid.

"French women eat for pleasure," Guiliano wrote. "French women don't diet."

Some American critics have snidely countered that many French women also smoke, enabling them to control their weight at a cost to their health. Whatever the truth to the dietary mystery, Guiliano's book is a runaway hit here.

Divided by so much lately, the French and the Americans can finally agree on something: Good food, in moderate quantity, yields a good life.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Concealed guns

**TX** AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry signed a concealed handgun reciprocity agreement with South Carolina.

The deal allows those with concealed handgun licenses from Texas and South Carolina to legally carry concealed handguns in either state. Texas now has reciprocity agreements with 17 states.

## Pricey pipeline

**NV** LAS VEGAS — The Southern Nevada Water Authority said a pipeline to bring water to Las Vegas from rural Nevada could cost more than \$2 billion. Officials said the price would include 461 miles of pipeline, four pumping stations and about 200 miles of power lines. The project would reduce dependence of southern Nevada's growing population on the Colorado River.

## Snow wipes out tests

**MD** BALTIMORE — At least 18 of Maryland's 24 school districts postponed the state's annual standardized tests because snow days have cut into preparation time. The tests were scheduled to begin this week. Many districts say students need to be back at school for at least a day before testing can begin. Also, some new teachers haven't been trained in test administration.

## Pet scammer

**GA** ATLANTA — Police arrested a man they say took advantage of people searching for missing pets. Police say Andre Gould counted as many as 17 people in six states to give him \$85 for a pet carrier to fly their dogs back to them. Gould received \$3,000 since December, but the owners never got their pets, police said.

## Same place, new name

**MO** JEFFERSON CITY — After nearly two decades of struggle, Southwest Missouri State University will get a new name. The House voted overwhelmingly to drop Southwest from its name. The 120-35 vote sends the bill to Gov. Matt Blunt, who supports the change to Missouri State University. It would take effect Aug. 28.

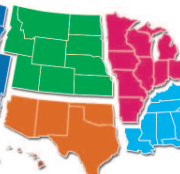
## Rundown runway

**CA** SANTA PAULA — State inspectors won't allow Santa Paula Airport to reopen until the runway is lengthened. Erosion by the Santa Clara River's rolling storm runoff shortened the 2,650-foot runway to 1,200 feet. The shorter length failed to meet safety requirements set by the California Department of Transportation. The airport is losing \$16,000 a day in revenue.

## Ferry bill gains steam

**HI** HONOLULU — Lawmakers have cleared the way for plans to link the main Hawaiian islands by ferry, transportation cheaper than flying but feared by some residents for its possible risks to the environment.

After hearing three hours of testi-



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mony on both sides of the issue Wednesday, the Senate Transportation Committee voted to hold a bill that would have required a detailed environmental review for the proposal.

"That goes a long way in sending a message that the state really wants this," said John Garibaldi, chief executive of Hawaii Superferry Inc. "They're not going to put up roadblocks."

Hawaii Superferry and some state officials had said requiring an environmental review could have scuttled the first serious attempt in years to set up an interisland ferry system. Garibaldi said the requirement would have jeopardized \$200 million in funding.

Environmentalists are worried about traffic, transportation of alien pest species and endangering humpback whales.

## Trailer wreck kills 2

**LA** SHREVEPORT — Two people were killed when three tractor-trailers collided on Interstate 20, police said.

One of the rigs was traveling eastbound when it crossed the median around 7:30 p.m. and hit another tractor-trailer in the westbound lane. A third tractor-trailer then collided with the other two.

Authorities have not identified the two bodies that have been pulled from the wreckage, Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator said.

One rig was charred, Prator said. It is blocking both westbound lanes of the interstate about three-fourths of a mile east of the Texas state line. The accident also



## Now that's a yawn

Waiting for his owner, Sandy Hodes, Cheyenne the Great Dane catches some rays during the sunroof the family SUV in a shopping mall parking lot in Bainbridge, Ohio.

spilled cartons of orange juice and frozen turkeys onto the highway. Authorities expect westbound traffic to remain blocked at Exit 3 well into the night, the sheriff said.

## Rabbit at risk?

**ID** BOISE — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to decide by May 16 whether threats to the North American pygmy rabbit warrant a yearlong review that could lead to protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The agreement came in a settlement of a U.S. District Court lawsuit by environmental groups that contended the FWS had refused to consider their petition for protection of the rabbit.

The settlement was approved Thursday by Judge B. Lynn Winmill in Boise.

A similar review was given to the greater sage grouse, which shares the rabbits' habitat. It was completed Jan. 7, when Fish and Wildlife officials opted against protection for that species.

## No parole for killer

**CA** RIVERSIDE — A California man convicted of killing an off-duty police officer nearly 19 years ago, in one of the nation's first "road rage" fatalities, will not be released on parole.

Patricia Dwyer was killed on Aug. 22, 1986, after being shot through the chest by an irate motorist. Harold Harvey Hawks, 45, was convicted of second-degree murder and is serving a sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

Hawks' fifth request for release was denied this week by a two-member panel of the state Board of Prison Terms, which determined that Hawks' "total disregard for human suffering and the callous nature of the crime warranted more time in custody."

## Name that monkey

**NY** NEW YORK — The right to name a new species of monkey sold Thursday for \$650,000 in an online auction, with the funds going to protect the Bolivian habitat where the species lives, the Web site that handled the sale said.

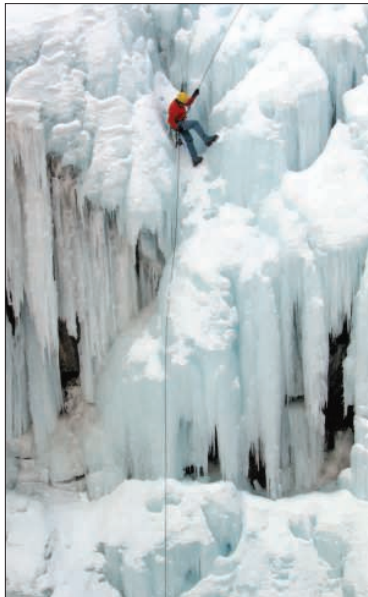
The winning bidder, who outbid Ellen DeGeneres, chose to remain anonymous for now, said Kelly Fiore, director of business development for the New York-based auction venue, Charity Folks.

There was no immediate information on what the winner planned to name the species, but an announcement might be made later, Fiore said.

## Subway commercials

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Advertisements have invaded movie theaters, airplane video screens and ATMs, and now they're coming to the tunnels of San Francisco's subway system, where dark walls will be replaced by 20-second animated commercials.

The Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors approved a plan for the tunnel ads, which affix hundreds of posters in sequence to give passengers the illusion of a movie between stations.



## Going with the floe

John Parsons of Niwot, Colo., makes his way down an ice floe at the Ouray Ice Park in Ouray, Colo.



A sinking feeling continues to grow.

A two-story home in Lake City, Fla., sits on the edge of a sinkhole that





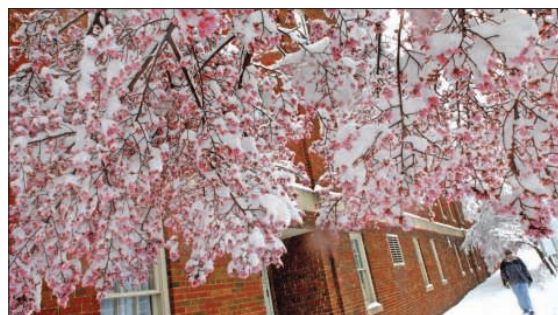
**Unexpected home** Patrick Doss, of Fredericksburg, Va., examines a stuffed bear in Gander Mountain outdoors store in Spotsylvania County, Va. Mike Ritter, of Alexandria, Va., killed the 9-foot, 1,000-pound Kodiak brown bear during a hunting trip to Alaska. He paid \$9,500 to have it stuffed and sent to his Virginia home, only to find it was too big to fit through the door.



**Oh, what a feeling!** Sergeant Tommi DeRudder screams to the crowd as she cruises down Main Street in Kalispell, Mont., during a homecoming parade for members of the 639th Quartermaster Company. The soldiers returned home more than a year's duty in Iraq.



**Battling a blaze** Berwick firefighters Tim Deltrich, left, and Bruce Angel battle flames breaking through the roof of an off-campus student house near Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pa.



**Frosty blooms** Phillip Pickard walks under blooming redbuds smothered by snow in Roanoke, Va. Recent warm weather caused the trees to bloom, but a recent snow put spring on hold.

## Alleged hazing death

**CA** SACRAMENTO — Four members of an unchartered fraternity were charged with involuntary manslaughter after a pledge died from drinking too much water during hazing.

Four other members of the Chi Tau fraternity at the University of California, Chico, were charged Thursday with hazing, a misdemeanor. The four people charged with manslaughter could face up to four years in prison.

Matthew Carrington, 21, died of water intoxication Feb. 2 after being forced to drink water throughout the night in the basement of the off-campus fraternity house.

## Police officers arrested

**NY** NEW YORK — Five veteran police officers have been arrested on charges they accepted counterfeit Coach bags and other merchandise from a street peddler as bribes, a prosecutor said Thursday.

The officers, all assigned to Manhattan's 13th Precinct, were charged with third-degree bribe receiving, receiving a reward for official misconduct, and official misconduct, said Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

If convicted of the most serious charge of bribe receiving, the officers could be sentenced to up to seven years in prison.

The street peddler, Jamil Faied, 44, was charged with third-degree bribery, which also carries a prison sentence of up to seven years.

## Chicken feet crackdown

**OH** CLEVELAND — Health officials have seized boneless chicken feet at several Ohio stores, part of an expanding effort to prevent an outbreak of the bird flu.

Officials planned to visit about 200 Asian restaurants and markets around Cuyahoga County on Friday, explaining the health risks involved with a product that the U.S. Department of Agriculture says was illegally smuggled into the country.

The U.S. government banned imports of birds and poultry products from Asia last year.

Some chicken feet, an Asian delicacy, are seized at a Cleveland grocery store on Wednesday. Authorities also found them at three stores in Columbus and one in Whitehall, said Paul Panico, head of food safety for the agriculture department.

## Vegas mayor loves gin

**NV** LAS VEGAS — Sin City's mayor made no apologies Thursday after being criticized for extolling gin to a class of fourth-graders.

Mayor Oscar Goodman said he was just being himself when he told elementary school students that drinking was one of his hobbies and that the one thing he would want if stranded on an island is a bottle of gin.

"I answered the question honestly and truthfully," Goodman told reporters. "I'm not going to lie to children. I'm not going to say I would take a teddy bear or a Bible or something like that."

Asked by a reporter if he had a drinking problem, Goodman answered, "Oh, absolutely not. I love

to drink."

Moments later, he cut off questions and walked out of the news conference.

## Cell phone ban

**HI** HONOLULU — Motorists who chat carelessly on their cellular phones while stuck in Hawaii's traffic may soon need to think of investing in a headset.

Anyone caught driving while using a hand-held cell phone would be subject to a \$200 fine under a bill that passed out of the House on Thursday.

The measure includes an exemption for those making calls because of an emergency.

Some lawmakers questioned the need for the bill.

It's already illegal to drive inattentively in Hawaii, said Rep. Galen Fox, R-Waikiki-Ala Moana, speaking in opposition of the bill on the floor of the House.

## Big lobster a mere shell

**PA** PITTSBURGH — A gigantic lobster that may have survived two world wars under Prohibition before being plucked from the ocean will live on — but only as the shell of its former self.

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium plans to keep the shell of the 22-pound lobster, named Bubba, and use its remains to educate school children, said Rachel Capp, a zoo spokeswoman.

Some of Bubba's meat will be sent to labs for testing as officials try to determine why Bubba died, Capp said Thursday.

## Postcard 68 years late

**OR** ROSEBURG — Roseburg-area businessman Edward Hammond never heard back on whether a Roseburg store was willing to handle the sale of his stamp collections.

That's because his postcard, mailed Oct. 13, 1937, didn't arrive until Monday.

Postal carrier Kelly Pace was sorting mail when he spotted the brown card with its printed one-cent stamp. It was addressed simply to "Roseburg Book Store, Roseburg, Oregon." That store opened in 1910 in a building now occupied by Roseburg Book & Stationery.

Pace delivered it with the rest of the day's mail.

Duane Dodge, a supervisor at the Roseburg Post Office, said the card is in good shape and speculated that it may have spent the last 68 years somewhere undisturbed.

## Benadryl-related death

**SC** ABBEVILLE — The death of a 4-month-old child given Benadryl at a child-care center has drawn renewed attention to the over-the-counter allergy medication's unauthorized use as a way of quieting children.

Sherry Bayne, 44, owner of Sherry's Home Daycare was charged with involuntary manslaughter and neglect in the death of Caleb O'Daniel, who was given Benadryl without parental permission.

Since 2000, there have been nearly a dozen media reports nationally of Benadryl being used for sedation of children at day-care centers, with at least four ending in death.

Photos and stories from wire services

# Horoscope

Saturn, the taskmaster, opposes Mars, the warrior — the theme is right versus might! When events are meant to be, they can happen in a number of different ways. Using force to get what you want, therefore, is optional. Perhaps it's better to conserve your energy. Moral of the story: When it's truly yours, no one can stop you from having it.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**MARCH 7.** Your special achievements are rewarded. An independent spirit rules, and the next 10 weeks show you being particularly resistant to doing anything inauthentic to you. Singles have multiple romantic options throughout the spring. Summer brings friends together for travel and rollicking good times. Lucky love signs are Taurus and Gemini.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Strangely, some lessons in love can only be learned by developing your self outside of a relationship. Consider that you may have to create distance between you and a loved one in order to be more closely connected.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You let down your guard and find there is little reason for you to have it up to begin with. It's nice when humans reinforce that humanity is mostly good. Someone you need to have in your life reaches for you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There is so much truly inspiring information out there that you don't even have to make an effort to find it. You probably won't like it, either, but your commitment to excellence rules out over the temporary discomfort.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The thing that separates you from the pack is your habits. Do something that other people don't like to do. You probably won't like it, either, but your commitment to excellence rules out over the temporary discomfort.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's the self-appreciation day. You don't

have to tell anybody, but the private love affair you're going with you is getting really steamy. In fact, you're totally irresistible. Buy yourself something you've been wanting.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Career arms take over your thought process. There's a vision inside you that is growing in scope. Fill it out with color, character and detail. If you see it, feel it and believe it, doing it is actually the easy part.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Caution: Don't spend your time and energy defending your knowledge. You're better off following your insatiable drive to learn more, even if this seems costly right now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** A slight lethargy sets in — perhaps stemming from your basically rebellious nature. The tasks ahead of you are not hard, and they are not easy. But they only get accomplished with the right attitude.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The financial luck of someone in your circle may be a source of envy. Take this as an indication that you need to get moving on your special project. The most acceptable way to get money is still to earn it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** An open-minded, possibility thinker in you surfaces. Perhaps your belief about how to run a relationship was mistaken. When you are willing to be wrong, you lessen the likelihood that you will be in the future.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your lineage affects what happens to you now. It's interesting to note what was given to you by your parents and what is self-created. When it comes to relaying your deep affection, show it rather than telling it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** People are grouped together according to the many things they have in common. Think of what you have in common with your group and whether that sits well with you. What was lost is now found... in the strangest place.

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## Holiday Mathis



## Calvin and Hobbes



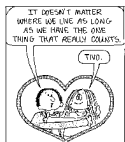
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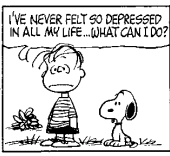
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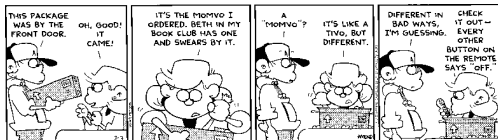
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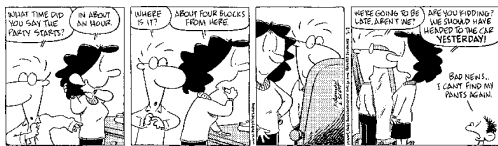
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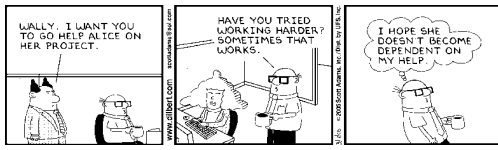
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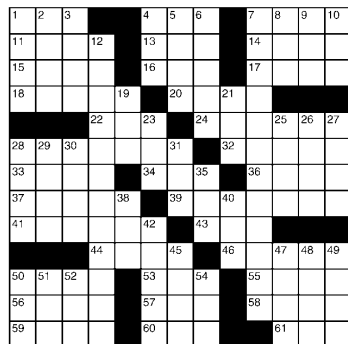
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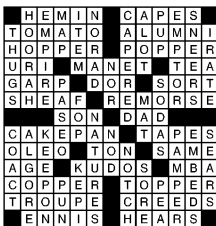
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- 18 Evaluate
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- 22 Garden tool
- 24 Willful harm
- 28 Sanctifying ceremony
- 32 SeaWorld attraction
- 33 Actor La Salle
- 34 Boxer

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- 3 Bigfoot's cousin
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- 7 VIPs
- 8 Flightless bird
- 9 Illuminated
- 10 Expert
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF EVERYBODY WERE TO GAIN A BUNCH OF WEIGHT, WOULD THAT BRING US ALL CLOSER TOGETHER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals L

# Dog duties are woman's own fault

**Dear Abby:** I need advice with a problem I have regarding our basenot hound, "Sherlock." I bought Sherlock for my husband, "Ken," a year and a half ago. Ken loves the dog, and so does my 18-year-old daughter, "Gretta," who lives with us. When I bought Sherlock, the understanding was that he would be cared for by my husband and daughter. This is not what happened. I do 90 percent of the feeding and cleaning up after him. When I bought a cocker spaniel, "Lulu," we have had since Gretta was 3. Lulu has also been my responsibility for the most part. Ken and Gretta play with the dogs, and I "get" to do almost everything else.

Abby, I am not a dog lover. I am a dog "liker." I feel used and resentful. Am I being unreasonable?

—Used and Resentful in Southern California

Dear Used and Resentful: Stop

feeling used and resentful and look in the mirror. Why did you buy a second dog after seeing that your husband and daughter didn't care for the one you already had? You put yourself in this pickle.

Please reconsider shuffling off the responsibility for Sherlock. There are alternatives to getting rid of him. A neighborhood teen could be hired to walk him. A pet service could provide transportation to the vet or the groomer.

Focus on the bright side. Since you and your husband have full-time jobs, and your daughter is busy with her own schedule, it's just as well that you have two dogs because they have each other for companionship.

**Dear Abby:** Thirty years ago my mother-in-law, "Grace," suddenly changed. She began accusing her husband of cheating on her and trying to poison

her. She made his life miserable until he passed away. After the funeral, we moved Grace into a house next door to ours.

Things were OK for a while, then she started up again.

According to Grace, everyone has been trying to kill her. A few months ago, Grace had surgery. I stayed with her until she was back on her feet. Now she says I am trying to poison her, and have people come in and steal her stuff.

My husband, her only child, is very upset and has forbidden me to go over there anymore.

What can we do?

—Fearful in Tennessee

Dear Fearful: Your mother-in-law needs a psychiatric evaluation. Her son should make sure her doctor understands what's been going on before she goes for the exam. The symptoms you describe indicate she may be mentally ill.

Letters for this column — with your name and address — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69404, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby> or <http://www.usps.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## Dear Abby



# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: SCARY BRINY PAUPER THRASH

Answer: When the robber was caught on the steps, the cops said it was — A STAIR "CASE"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Girl needs help after admitting rape

**Dear Annie:** Recently, my 13-year-old daughter, "Ellie," told me she was raped two years ago by a boy who was also 11 at the time. I had no idea, since she never let on that anything had happened, never showed changes in her personality or became withdrawn, nor did she display any signs that she was troubled.

I know that this must have been a horrible experience for Ellie, and as a teenager, it is imperative that she have a healthy self-image. She said the reason she didn't tell me earlier was because she didn't want me to think she was a "whore." I reassured her and told her I would never think that, and that was not her fault.

But her words broke my heart. Ellie doesn't want anyone else to know about the rape, and told me if she feels the need to discuss it, she will come to me. She is an emotionally well-adjusted child, but I think she should receive counseling. I also am concerned

## Annie's Mailbox



because Ellie says she is never going to have sex again. I understand that for now, but will this carry into her adult life and affect her? She was a virgin before this happened.

I want to help my daughter. Do you believe she really is OK? Is there any legal recourse? The crime is two years old, and the boy is still a minor.

Thanks for your help.

—Love My Daughter More Than Anything

Dear Mom: The fact that Ellie came to you with this information, even after two years, means it still troubles her deeply. Your instincts are solid. Ellie should get professional help. We recommend contacting RAINN, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network ([rainn.org](http://rainn.org)), at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673), for counseling and information about legal recourse. You can check it out first, Mom, and then encourage Ellie to do the same.

**Dear Annie:** What is the proper etiquette about inviting your boss to baby and wedding showers? My boss, who is not a particularly friendly person and has no personal relationship with any of her staff, always gets peeved when one of us has such an event and doesn't invite her. She says it is "proper etiquette" to invite your boss to these kinds of parties and that we girls have "no manners."

Am I rude for not including my boss in my personal events?

—Anxious Employee

Dear Anxious: Your boss is mistaken. You are not obligated to invite her to any non-work-related event outside the office. However, if you feel your job may be in jeopardy, you might want to make allowances for her. It sounds as if the woman desperately wants to be included in these social affairs.

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## Family Circus



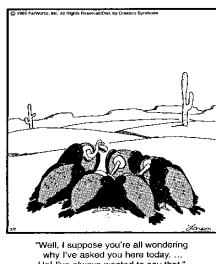
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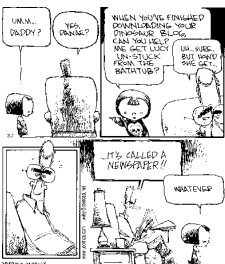
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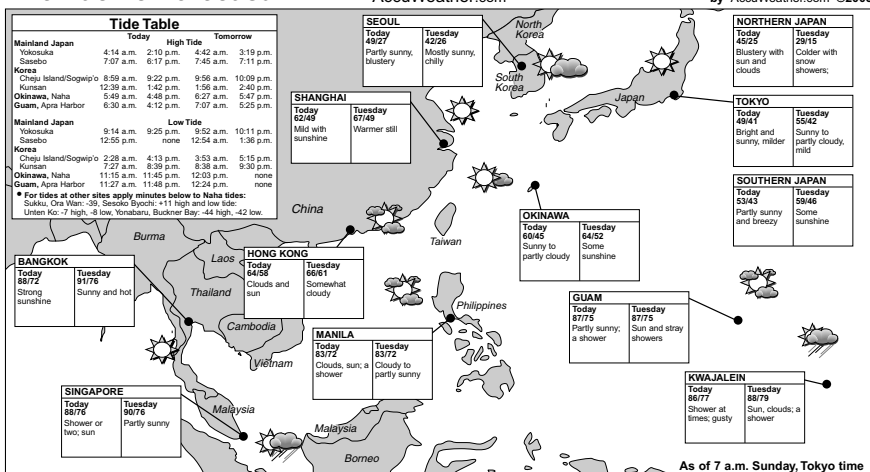




## The Pacific Forecast

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## Extended Forecasts

## TOKYO

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 53, low 42.  
 Thursday: Clouds and sunshine, high 55, low 48.

## KADENA

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 68, low 58.  
 Thursday: Showers, high 70, low 62.

## SEoul

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 48, low 36.  
 Thursday: Showers, high 53, low 48.

## MANILA

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 74.  
 Thursday: Clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 74.

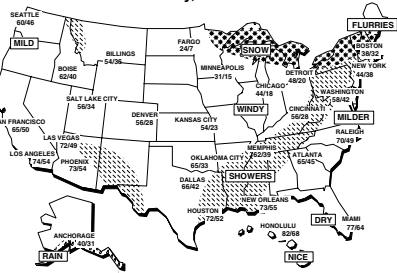
## HAGATNA

Wednesday: Showers, high 85, low 73.  
 Thursday: Showers, high 83, low 73.

## Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	53/37	Los Angeles	68/52
Amarillo	63/40	Little Rock	72/41
Anchorage	38/30	Louisville	50/36
Asheville	59/30	Miami	77/56
Baltimore	44/26	Milwaukee	38/30
Birmingham	71/57	Nashville	59/35
Bismarck	65/31	New York	42/30
Boston	58/36	Omaha	56/38
Brownsville	39/26	Orlando	73/49
Buffalo	78/62	Philadelphia	43/28
Burlington	35/23	Phoenix	68/50
Charleston, SC	71/38	Pittsburgh	40/26
Charlotte	66/34	Portland, OR	62/45
Cleveland	36/28	Portland, ME	38/22
Columbus, OH	44/29	Salt Lake City	52/32
Duluth	40/27	St. Louis	50/39
El Paso	68/44	San Antonio	68/54
Harford	40/23	San Diego	64/55
Hartford	59/33	San Juan	87/72
Indianapolis	41/33	Tampa	71/52
Jacksonville	75/42	Tulsa	69/41
Kansas City	54/41	Washington, DC	44/30
		Wichita	64/44

## Monday, March 07



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm will surge through western New England on Monday, providing many of the New England and mid-Atlantic states with their warmest day in a few weeks, despite some rain. As the storm and its associated front swing through, another blast of cold air will work into the region with some leftover snow and flurries. Further south, rain and even some thunderstorms are expected ahead of the front, affecting the Deep South late Monday and Florida on Tuesday. A weak front will bring some light snow to the northern Plains Tuesday, eventually making its way to the mid-Atlantic late Wednesday. Some showers will occur across the Pacific Northwest.

## Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/72	Iwakuni	55/39
Beijing	52/34	Kadena AB	60/45
Camp Casey	50/25	Kunsan AB	53/35
Christchurch	62/47	Kwajalein	86/77
Diego Garcia	88/78	Manila	83/72
Heleia	87/75	Miawaba AB	47/30
Hanoi	67/59	Osan	52/28
Hong Kong	64/58	Perth	84/64
Honolulu	82/68	Pusan	55/40

## Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	88/71	Budapest	30/29	Kabul	47/24
Athens	59/43	Buenos Aires	84/56	Kew	31/28
Auckland	71/59	Cairo	91/52	Kuwait	82/59
Baghdad	81/58	Cancun	83/68	London	46/37
Barbados	90/71	Cape Town	69/51	Madrid	48/24
Barcelona	49/37	Geneva	29/23	Mexico City	73/44
Berlin	34/23	Istanbul	45/27	Montreal	20/14
Bermuda	63/55	Jerusalem	75/55	Mogadishu	33/28
Brussels	43/29	Johannesburg	80/63	Moscow	29/18
				Warsaw	28/26



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# Bryant helps L.A. stay over .500

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers have been sitting on the playoff bubble all season, and it's starting to feel uncomfortable. So Kobe Bryant took matters into his own hands.

Bryant scored 10 of his 40 points in the final 2:15 and the Lakers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 108-103 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night. It was Bryant's 37th career game with 40 or more points, and his seventh this season.

Caron Butler had 20 points and Lamar Odom added 18 points and 11 rebounds, helping prevent the Lakers from slipping under the .500 mark for the first time since they were 3-4.

That was a big motivational factor for us," Bryant said. "We knew this was a big game and pretty much a must-win situation against a great team, and we were able to pull it off."

Bryant hasn't been on a team that lost five straight since he was a high school freshman. The Lakers haven't lost more than four straight since the 1993-94 season, when they dropped their final 10 games with Magic Johnson coaching the team.



The Lakers shot 51.9 percent from the field, despite going 1-for-18 from behind the three-point line. The victory put them a half-game ahead of idle Denver and a full game ahead of Minnesota in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth.

"I know a lot of people don't even think we're even going to make the playoffs. But there's no reason why we can't slide up. That's our mentality," Bryant said. Dick Nowitzki had 23 points and 13 rebounds and Jerry Stackhouse scored 19 points for the Mavericks, who have lost three of four following a six-game winning streak. The Mavericks have lost 27 of their last 28 against the Lakers in Los Angeles, the only victory coming last season.

**Celtics 104, Bobcats 84:** At Boston, Antoine Walker and Ricky Davis each scored 18 points and Gary Payton had 10 on his return to Boston's lineup. Boston is 4-0 since Walker returned to the team last week in a trade with Atlanta.

Payton, who re-signed Friday after being waived by Atlanta on Tuesday, played 21 minutes. He was traded to the Hawks — along with Tom Gugliotta, Michael Stewart and a future first-round pick — last week in the deal that brought Walker back to Boston.

Eneida Okafar had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Charlotte.

**Magic 111, Knicks 89:** Grant Hill scored 29 points and rookie Dwight Howard added 20 points and 15 rebounds to help Orlando snap New York's three-game winning streak.

Kelvin Carter added 14 points, Steve Francis had 13 points and two assists and rookie Jameer Nelson had 11 points and seven assists for the Magic.



The Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, left, passes the ball past the Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki during the second half Friday night.

Stephen Marbury led the Knicks with 22 points.

**Warriors 103, Wizards 90:** At Washington, Jason Richardson scored 16 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter and also had eight rebounds, four assists and three blocks for Golden State. Larry Hughes scored 27 points for the Wizards.

**Heat 104, Kings 83:** At Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 22 points and Miami made Alonzo Mourning's formal homecoming a good one, getting double-digit scoring from all five starters.

Shaquille O'Neal had 18 points, giving him 23,177 for his career, and tying him with Adrian Dantley for 17th in NBA history. Eddie Jones had 17 points — including a perfect 5-for-5 night from three-point range — in Miami's fourth straight victory.

Mourning, who rejoined the Heat to replace the injured, played the final 3:37 and finished with four points and four rebounds.

**Grizzlies 86, Raptors 75:** Shane Battier scored 12 of his career-high 33 points in the fourth quarter to help lost Memphis rally for coach Mike Fratello's 60th career victory.

**Hornets 92, Jazz 85:** J.R. Smith and P.J. Brown each scored 14 points to help host New Orleans snap Utah's three-game winning streak.

**Timberwolves 103, Bucks 97:** At Minneapolis, Wally Szczerbiak scored 28 points, Kevin Garnett added 25 and Anthony Carter had a season-high 13 assists for Minnesota.

**Spurs 102, Bulls 99:** At San Antonio, Tim Duncan made an 18-foot jumper with 38 seconds left to break a tie and Manu Ginobili added four late free throws for San Antonio.

Duncan finished with 31 points and 13 rebounds, Tony Parker had 25 points and eight assists and Ginobili added 19 points — 13 in the second half.

**Pacers 106, Blazers 97:** Reggie Miller and Stephen Jackson scored 24 points each and Indiana spoiled Portland coach Kevin Pritchard's debut at home.

The Pacers snapped a three-game losing streak. Shareef Abdur-Rahim led Portland with 27 points. Pritchard took over the Blazers as interim coach this week when the team unexpectedly fired Maurice Cheeks.

**SuperSonics 95, Pistons 87:** At Seattle, Rashard Lewis scored 18 points and Jerome James had season highs of 16 points and seven rebounds for Seattle against Detroit's bruising front line.

The Pistons were coming off a loss in Phoenix on Thursday night that snapped their eight-game winning streak.

## Pacers put O'Neal on injured list

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — All-Star forward Jermaine O'Neal was placed on the injured list Friday by the Indiana Pacers, one day after he sprained his right shoulder in a game at Denver.

O'Neal has a subluxated sprain of the right shoulder and will miss at least five games. He had an MRI examination before Friday night's 106-97 victory over Portland, then watched the game from the end of the bench, his arm in a sling.

The Pacers also waived forward Michael Curry and signed veteran free agent forward Dale Davis, who was waived by New Orleans this week.

O'Neal was injured with 4½ minutes left in the second quarter against the Nuggets when his right arm was knocked back by Denver's Jermaine Elson.

"It was the most painful thing I've ever been through in my career, but it's part of the game," O'Neal said.

**Pistons sign C Campbell**  
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons added depth to their roster Friday by signing center Elden Campbell.

The Pistons used Campbell, 36, to guard Shaquille O'Neal during last season's NBA Finals victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

**Bulls' Deng out 2-4 weeks**  
CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls' rookie forward Yao Ming was injured last Friday because of a sprained right ankle that is expected to sideline him 2-4 weeks.

Deng, a 6-foot-8 guard-forward, was injured in the opening minute against Houston on Tuesday night when he stepped on the foot of Rockets center Yao Ming.

Deng, the seventh overall pick in the draft, is averaging 12.2 points and 5.4 rebounds in 54 games this season.

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## Rebirth: Defense, Gordon's finishing kick fuel Bulls' run

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took over, with players never sure of their role. Paxson kept prep-to-pro projects Chandler and Curry, and shed anyone who wasn't a team player, defensive-minded player.

He picked up Kirk Hinrich in his first draft, then hit upon a bona fide last summer. In addition to taking Gordon with the No. 3 pick, he traded for Laul Deng, the seventh pick. He added Chris Duhon and signed Andre Nocioni, who'd spent the past two years playing in Spain before helping Argentina win gold in the Athens Olympics.

Paxson dumped high-priced, long-term contracts to give the Bulls salary-cap flexibility.

"Nobody's ever had a place here, as far as knowing what

you've got to come in and do," Chandler said. "Now I feel we've put together a nucleus that each guy has his individual thing that's making us win."

It starts with defense. The Bulls didn't allow 100 points for 26 straight games from Dec. 4 to Jan. 24, and are holding opponents to 42.2 percent shooting, second in the NBA. They're sixth in the league in scoring defense.

On offense, Curry, Hinrich, Gordon and Deng average in double figures. Gordon (14.6) and Deng (12.2) rank second and third among rookies, and Gordon is fifth in the NBA in three-point percentage (44.7).

Gordon is generating some star power, too, thanks to his knack for monster fourth quarters. He's had double-figure fourth quarters

in 16 games, most of any player in the NBA.

"I told him he might as well just stay in the locker room and we'll just get a buzzer for him for the rest of the game," Chandler joked. "He'll run out and rip off his cape and get the crowd going."

Some fans have even dubbed him Ben "Rhymes with Jordan" Gordon.

"It's flattering, but I try to block that out," Gordon said. "I shouldn't be mentioned in the same sentence as him. I know fans don't mean anything and they're just having fun. But as a player, you have so much respect for a guy like that. I kind of just want to stay away from that."

The Bulls aren't dynasty material just yet. They still turn the ball over way too much, a whopping 17.5 average per game. They've

gotten lost on defense lately, allowing 100 points or more in 11 of their past 14 games entering Saturday's game at Milwaukee.

The Bulls' season's blowout loss to Houston, the Rockets had a double-digit lead by the end of the first quarter and led by as many as 39. Tracy McGrady scored 12 despite not playing in the fourth quarter, and Yao Ming had more points (14) than minutes (11).

"We've been feeling a little too good about our home games on occasion," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said after that game. "Hopefully, this will be something that knocks us out of it and will bring us down to earth."

Fans, though, aren't likely to abandon their giddy optimism. The Bulls' past four home games sold out, and the average attendance of 19,439 trails only Detroit, Dallas, Miami and New York.

# Canseco agrees to testify; others face subpoena

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Jose Canseco is ready to testify. Reluctant players and executives might be forced to appear before a congressional committee.

Canseco, the MVP-turned-best-selling author, had no qualms about testifying at a March 17 hearing on steroids in baseball.

"We'll be there on the 16th and 17th," Canseco's agent, Doug Ames, said Friday.

The House Government Reform Committee is prepared to

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Barry Bonds

San Francisco Giants

subpoena witnesses, a person familiar with its deliberations said on condition of anonymity.

Jason Giambi, Canseco's former Oakland teammate, said it was "highly unlikely" he would testify before the committee.

Boston pitcher Curt Schilling was unsure whether he would appear and whether the hearing would be productive.

It depends on what it's for," Schilling said in Fort Myers. "I mean, if this is a McCarthy witch hunt all over again, then no. But, again, I don't know any of the specifics around what it entails and what's going on."

Mark McGwire, who combined with Canseco to form the Bash Brothers on the World Series champion Athletics, also was undecided.

"We're still evaluating," McGwire spokesman Mark Altieri said. "I can't say one way or the other."

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig and executive vice president Sandy Alderson had not made their decisions, spokesman Rich Levin said, and San Diego General Manager Kevin Towers declined comment.

The players' association had not yet decided whether union head Donald Fehr would testify or what recommendation it would give to the invited players, according to union general counsel Michael Weiner.

"I think it's a little early to talk about who's confirmed their attendance," said David Marin, a spokesman for Rep. Tom Davis, the Virginia Republican who chairs the committee.

At the Yankees' training camp, Giambi said he had a brief conversation with his agent, Art Tellem, about the invitation.

"I have no idea what they are trying to do," Giambi said. "I'm just concentrating on playing baseball."

In December, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that Giambi told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he had used steroids. Barry Bonds, who was not invited by the committee, told the grand jury he used a substance that prosecutors believe contained steroids, the paper said.

Giambi has declined to discuss steroids publicly, but issued a general apology last month to teammates and fans. Bonds testily stepped questions when he arrived at spring training.

"The fact that the questions are surrounding him certainly doesn't dilute the fact that that's he a Hall of Famer before all the questions were asked," Yankees manager Joe Torre said of Bonds.

That's the thing I think is going to be lost in this whole thing — everybody is curious to demolish his

whole career." In an informal conversation with reporters from the Oakland Tribune and ESPN on Thursday, Bonds said performance-enhancing substances are not a big deal.

"You're talking about something that wasn't even illegal at the time," Bonds said. "All this stuff about supplements, protein shakes, whatever. Man, it's not like this is the Olympics. ... We're entertainers. If I can't go out there and somebody pays \$60 for a ticket, and I'm not in the lineup, who's getting cheated? Not me."

"So we all make mistakes. We all do things. We need to turn the page. We need to forget about the past and let us play the game. We're entertainers. Let us entertain."

Baltimore's Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro were invited to testify, as was Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox.

"March 17th is my wife's birthday there. That should tell you right there what my answer is," Palmeiro said at Baltimore's camp in Fort Lauderdale. "Honestly, I don't really have anything to say on the subject."

Sosa isn't ready to respond.

"I don't know about that yet. I have to call my agent," he said.

AP Sports Writers David Ginsburg in Fort Lauderdale, Howard Union in Fort Myers and Bernie Wilson in San Diego contributed to this report



New York Mets' Pedro Martinez pitches during the first inning against the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday at Roger Dean Stadium, in Jupiter, Fla. Martinez struck out three and gave up three hits in three innings.

## Sosa, Martinez fitting right in

The Associated Press

Yes, Sammy Sosa's job is just as joyful in a Baltimore Orioles uniform and Pedro Martinez's fastball is just as sizzling in New York Mets colors.

The two superstars, along with Mark Mulder, Carl Pavano, Derek Lowe and Jon Lieber, all made their debuts with new teams Friday.

Sosa homered and had two hits in Baltimore's 3-1 loss to the Florida Marlins at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. After sending a drive over the left-field wall in the seventh inning, Sosa inaugurated the post-homer routine he perfected with the Chicago Cubs, hopping in the batter's box then touching his heart and pointing skyward upon reaching home.

Sosa, playing DH because of a slight groin strain, came to the Orioles last month in a trade with the Cubs, who all but gave away the slugger after he wore out his welcome in the Windy City.

"Those guys love me already," he said. "I'm such a perfect fit here. I'm so happy to be here in a new house. It's incredible, let me tell you the truth. I feel like I've been here forever."

At Jupiter, Fla., Martinez picked up right where he left off last season. In three innings, the 33-year-old right-hander allowed three hits, struck out three and was credited with the win — a 7-5 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals — in his first outing since leaving Boston for a \$53 million, four-year contract with the Mets.

Martinez threw 60 pitches, but new Mets manager Willie Randolph had no problem letting Martinez go that long this early in spring training.

"We're not going to get crazy about pitch counts," Randolph said.

"We don't worry about that because he's in great shape. You see him work. He's not going to break. He'll be fine."

Mulder, on the other hand, was wild from the start and lasted just one inning for St. Louis. He walked four and gave up a

### Spring training

two-run single to Cliff Floyd in his first appearance since he was traded by Oakland on Dec. 18.

"It's not that big a deal. I'm not that concerned with results in spring training. I just want to make good pitches," Mulder said. "Those are things you get out of the way now. As long as you're healthy and making good pitches, that to me is the only thing that matters."

At Kissimmee, Fla., Roger Clemens kicked off his 22nd major league season with two scoreless innings for the Houston Astros in a 5-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

"I'm just glad to get everything under way," said Clemens, his right shoulder, elbow and ankle heavily wrapped in ice. "I feel really good out there."

In other games:

**Pirates 9, Yankees 6:** At Bradenton, Fla., Pavano gave up

three hits in two scoreless innings in his first start since signing as a free agent with New York. He struck out two. Ben Griener, trying to win a job on the Pittsburgh bench, went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs.

Jason Giambi is slated to make the trip to Lakeland on Saturday to play his first road game.

**Braves 3, Dodgers 2:** At Kissimmee, Lowe pitched three scoreless innings in his Los Angeles debut. Lowe, whose last appearance was in Boston's World Series-clinching victory, gave up only a single to Andrew Jones.

Dodgers outfielder J.D. Drew got a chance to face his former team. Boed lustily in his two at-bats by the pro-Atlanta crowd, he struck out both times.

**Tigers 3, Phillies 0:** At Lakeland, Fla., Lieber made his first appearance with Philadelphia and gave up a hit, walked one and struck out a batter in three innings. Detroit prospect Tony Garratano hit a two-run homer and Craig Monroe had an RBI double. Nate Robertson struck out three over two innings.

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# Coles dealt to Jets; Skins get WR Moss

BY ANDREA ADELSON  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Laveranues Coles finally got his wish. The disgruntled Redskins receiver is headed back to the New York Jets after asking out of Washington.

Coles was traded Saturday for speedy Santana Moss, a deal that was in the works for over a week. Moss' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said in a phone interview the deal was contingent on both players passing physicals. Moss had his physical scheduled for Monday at Redskins Park.

A source within the league, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, also said Coles got the restructured deal he wanted, which delayed the trade. But the Redskins are responsible for the final \$5 million of the \$13 million signing bonus he got when he joined the team in 2003.

Coles is due that money April 1. The Redskins, anticipating they would be stuck making the payment, restructured the contract of left tackle Chris Samuels, which they could afford it. A message left for Coles' agent, Roosevelt Barnes, was not immediately returned.

Coles met with coach Joe Gibbs twice after the season to state his desire to leave the Redskins following an unsatisfying year in the team's conservative offense.

He had 90 catches for 950 yards on a career-long 10.6 yards a catch and only one touchdown for the Redskins (6-10). The year before, under pass-oriented coach Steve Spurrier, Coles had 82 receptions for 1,294 yards and six touchdowns.

The 5-foot-11, 193-pound Coles emerged as a top receiver with the Jets in 2002, quickly becoming a favorite target of Chad Pennington. He had 89 catches for 1,264 yards and six touchdowns, and commanded big money on the open market.

Moss is entering the final year of his contract, and Rosenhaus expects to have the receiver signed to a new deal shortly after the trade is completed.

Moss will join David Patten, another big-play receiver who signed a five-year, \$13 million contract with a \$3.5 million signing bonus earlier this week as a free agent from New England.

AP Sports Writer Joseph White contributed to this report in Ashburn, Va.

# Agassi fails to Lubjicic in return to Davis Cup

The Associated Press

**CARSON, Calif.** — Andre Agassi stumbled in his return to Davis Cup play, as he and Andy Roddick stepped up to square things for the Americans.

Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic beat Agassi in straight sets in Friday's opening match. Roddick regrouped after a first-set loss to defeat Mario Ancic 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 in the second and final match of the day.

Roddick downed Agassi 6-3, 7-6 (7-0), 6-3 in the match of Croatia's No. 1 player against the U.S. team's No. 2.

The first round was to resume on Saturday, with twins Mike and Bob Bryan scheduled to face Ljubicic and Ancic.

Roddick will play Ljubicic in Sunday's first match, with Agassi scheduled to go against Ancic in the fifth and final match of the first-round competition.

The loss was only the sixth in 36 Davis Cup matches for Agassi, who has played on three championship teams.

The 25-year-old Ljubicic, off to a fine start on the tour this year, took control of the match with his serves, often in the 100- to 130-mph range, and as high as 141 mph.

On Saturday, Slovakia eliminated defending champion Spain, taking an insurmountable 3-0 lead after Saturday's double match to advance to the quarterfinals.

**Davenport wins Dubai Open**  
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Top-seeded Lindsay Davenport fought off a break point late in the third set and defeated 19-year-old Jelena Jankovic 6-4,

## Sports briefs

**Maier wins men's downhill on Lillehammer Olympic course**

KVITFJELL, Norway — Hermann Maier won a World Cup downhill on Lillehammer's Olympic course Saturday, while Bode Miller finished fourth and extended his overall lead.

Maier, one of skiing's greatest downhillers but a non-winner in the 2001-02 season, clocked a 3:03.57-minute Olympiabank in 1 minute, 46.10 seconds. Austrian countryman Mario Scheiber was runner-up for the second straight downhill, finishing 0.13 seconds behind.

Maier's victory was his first in the downhill this season. He has 49 wins in the downhill, super giant slalom and giant slalom, one short of second-place Alberto Tomba of Italy on the career list. Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden tops the list with 86.

Miller improved his chances of becoming the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the overall title.

Miller led his closest rival, Benjamin Raich of Austria, by 31 points going into this weekend's races. Raich, whose strength is giant slalom, finished 12th and trails Miller by 57 points going into Sunday's super-G.

# Brees signs with Chargers

After breakout season, QB gets one-year, \$8M deal

BY BERNIE WILSON  
The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — Drew Brees was in an \$8 million mood on Friday.

The quarterback signed a one-year contract that more than quadruples his pay from last year, when he came off the scrap heap to lead the San Diego Chargers back to the playoffs for the first time in nine seasons.

The Chargers put the "franchise" tag on Brees on Feb. 17, meaning he'll get \$8,075,000 next year, or the average of the NFL's five highest-paid quarterbacks in 2004.

Brees returned from a vacation in Australia late Thursday

night and signed the deal as soon as he could on Friday.

"I was ready and eager to get the thing official," said Brees, who made \$1.56 million in base pay last year.

Brees didn't seem offended that the Chargers aren't interested in giving him a long-term deal, but the main thing is, I wanted to be here, I wanted to be a part of this," he said. "I just think we can do something special."

"Of course I want to be here, as an NFL coach I want a long-term deal, but the main thing is, I wanted to be here, I wanted to be a part of this," he said. "I just think we can do something special."

Brees was all but cast aside last offseason, when the Chargers were coming off an NFL-worst 4-12 record. Brees was an easy scapegoat after throwing 15 interceptions and just 11 touchdowns passes, getting benched for five straight games and being yanked from two others.

General manager A.J. Smith declared that the Chargers need to be "upgraded" at quarterback, then swung a draft-day deal that brought highly touted prospect Philip Rivers to town.

But Rivers held out for half of training camp and Brees kept his job. He threw 27 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions as the Chargers won the AFC West. Brees was voted Comeback Player of the Year and went to the Pro Bowl.

# OT McKenzie goes from Jets to Giants

The Associated Press

Kareem McKenzie is moving, but he won't be changing his stadium address.

The former New York Jets right tackle will play his games at the Meadowlands next season as a member of the New York Giants after signing a \$37.75 million, seven-year contract on Friday.

McKenzie's deal included a \$12.5 million signing bonus and topped the \$36 million deal tackle Jon Jannings got from San Francisco on Thursday.

The signing continued a very profitable offseason for a position that has rarely been considered glamorous. After McKenzie's deal and the contracts Jennings, Mike Wahle, Marco Rivera and Ben Hamilton signed on Thursday, NFL teams spent over \$134 million on offensive linemen in the first three days of the free-agent signing period.

The NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles spent their dollars on defense. The Eagles re-signed Pro Bowl middle linebacker Jeremy Trotter to a \$15 million, five-year contract.

Trotter's contract included a \$4 million signing bonus. After two backluster years in Washington, Trotter returned to Philly last week.

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and helped the Eagles lead the NFL in fewest points allowed at 16.3 per game.

New Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel, whose New England Patriots shut down Philadelphia in the Super Bowl, quickly filled his hole in the secondary by signing Baltimore Ravens cornerback Gary Baxter to a six-year contract. Anthony Henry, who led the Browns with four interceptions last season, signed with Dallas on Wednesday.

Crennel's already shaky offense added another question mark when quarterback Kelly Holcomb accepted a four-year deal from the Buffalo Bills. He opted to back up J.P. Losman rather than vie for the starting job in Cleveland, leaving the Browns with Luke McCorn and Josh Harris at the quarterback position.

Holcomb was initially expected to re-sign with the Browns after the team released starter Jeff Garcia. But talks with Cleveland broke down this week when Crennel suggested he had other plans.

A couple of ex-Giants were ac-

tive on Friday. Quarterback Kurt Warner was in Chicago talking to the Bears. Defensive lineman Lance Legree, a part-time player, signed with the Jets.

New York also signed Denver tight end Jeff Putzler to an offer sheet worth \$12.5 million. The Broncos have a week to match it.

■ Tackle Oliver Ross signed a five-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals. The 6-foot-5, 322-pound lineman started 16 regular-season games and both of Pittsburgh's playoff games last season.

■ Cleveland signed punter Kyle Richardson, who was with Cincinnati last season.

■ Buffalo signed free agent Mike Gandy to help bolster its offensive line. Drafted by Chicago in the third round in 2001, he started five games at right guard last season and 14 at left tackle in 2003.

■ Miami signed defensive end Vonnie Holliday, a seven-year NFL veteran, to a two-year contract, and added free agent safety Travante Tillman to help rebuild its depleted secondary.

■ Tampa Bay re-signed veteran free agent tight end Dave Moore. The veteran re-signed running back Damien Anderson and released running back Larry Ned.

# Scheckter wins pole for IRL season opener

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IRL since Honda and Toyota brought their engines to the IndyCar Series in 2003 and will sell its Chevrolet Indy V-8s out of the series after 2005. Meanwhile, the company is focusing its IndyCar efforts on Panther, fielding cars for Scheckter and Tomas Engst. Engst, in his first season with Panther, was a solid third at 214.152 Saturday with the other Chevy-Dallara.

Three more Honda-powered cars followed. Buddy Rice last year's Indianapolis 500 winner, was fourth at 214.006, with Dario Franchitti next at 213.899 and Scott Sharp sixth at 213.643. Helio Castroneves was seventh

at 213.313 in the fastest Toyota-powered car, with Penske Tech 1's Hornish close behind at 212.887.

**Goeters wins Busch pole**

**MEXICO CITY** — Mexico's Jorge Goeters stunned the field and shattered hometown fans Saturday by winning the pole for Sunday's Busch Series race, the first NASCAR race in the 2.518-mile road course.

Goeters, who will compete in his first NASCAR race, posted an average speed of 103.366. Nextel Cup veteran Robbie Gordon was second fastest on the 2.518-mile road course. Defending series champion Martin Truex Jr. will start third.

# Huskies' Pac-10 hopes crumble

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Matt Harvath had a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds, and an inspired Stanford team shocked No. 10 Washington 77-67 on Saturday, dashing the Huskies' hopes of at least a share of their first Pac-10 title in two decades.

Washington had to wait to see if Arizona State could upset first-place Arizona and throw the conference championship into a tie. The Huskies (24-5, 14-4 Pac-10) haven't won a league title since tying USC in 1985.

Stanford (17-11, 11-7) bounced back from an embarrassing 59-48 loss to Washington State on Thursday and improved its NCAA tournament prospects.

**No. 9 Louisville 66, DePaul 62:** Larry O'Bannon scored one of his 24 points in the final six minutes as Louisville (26-4, 14-2 Conference USA) clinched the league's regular-season title.

O'Bannon was perfect on five three-point attempts for Louisville, which won for the 15th time in 16 games. Sammy Meja had 21 for DePaul (18-9, 10-6).

**No. 15 Connecticut 88, No. 13 Syracuse 70:** Denham Brown scored 21 points and Connecticut (21-6, 13-3 Big East) earned at least a share of a record ninth Big East regular season championship.

The Huskies won for the ninth time in 10 games, the only loss a nonconference game against second-ranked North Carolina. It is the third time in four seasons Connecticut has won at least a share of the title and it broke the tie with Syracuse for most in conference history.

Hakim Warrick had 25 points for Syracuse (22-6, 11-5).

The game matched coaches who earned their 70th career victory in their previous game. Connecticut's Jim Calhoun was the first to 701 and has a 21-18 lead in the personal matchup with Syracuse's Jim Boeheim.

**No. 16 Utah 72, San Diego State 60:** Andrew Bogut had 20 points and 15 rebounds in what was likely his final home game for Utah (25-4, 13-1 Mountain West).

Although only a sophomore, Bogut, a veteran of the Australian Olympic team, is expected to be a

high NBA draft pick. Brandon Heath led San Diego State (10-17, 4-9) with 23 points.

**No. 19 Villanova 70, St. John's 68:** Allan Ray scored 22 points and Will Sheridan added 19 points and 12 rebounds as Villanova (21-6, 11-5 Big East) won its seventh straight game.

**No. 21 Alabama 68, Mississippi St. 63:** Kennedy Winston had 21 points as Alabama (23-6, 12-5 Southeastern Conference) won the SEC West title. St. Kentucky has already clinched the overall SEC title.

**No. 22 Cincinnati 62, Memphis 60:** James White hit an 8-foot baseline jumper with 16.2 seconds remaining, providing the difference as Cincinnati (24-6, 12-4 Conference USA) shaded Memphis (16-14, 9-7).

White scored after Armein Kirkland missed a three-pointer, giving the Bearcats their sixth straight victory.

**No. 23 Wisconsin 64, Purdue 52:** Wisconsin spoiled the last regular-season stop on Gene Keady's frustrating farewell tour, ensuring the first 20-loss season in Purdue's 107-year history.

Mike Wilkinson and Alando Tucker each scored 14 points for



Taquan Doan celebrates a 66-62 Louisville victory over DePaul.

Wisconsin (20-7, 11-5 Big Ten). David Teague's 17 points led the Boilermakers (7-20, 3-13).

**No. 24 Pittsburgh 85, Notre Dame 77:** Chris Tat scored 26 points, Devon Troutman had 22 and Carl Krauser 15 as Pitt (20-7, 10-6 Big East) posted its fourth straight 20-win season.

Colin Falls' 28 points wasn't enough for Notre Dame (17-9, 9-7), which has lost three of four.

# E Kentucky ends 26-year drought by winning OVC

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Zach Ingles scored 15 points and Eastern Kentucky earned its first NCAA tournament berth since 1979 by holding off Austin Peay 52-46 Saturday in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament title game.

The Colonels (22-8) set a school record for victories by winning their seventh straight and will meet Eastern Kentucky's sixth NCAA tournament appearance

and first under coach Travis Ford. Michael Haney had 12 points for the second-seeded Colonels.

Austin Peay (13-17) didn't make it easy on Eastern.

The Colonels twice led by as many as 13, the last at 32-19 after a three-point layup by Ingles with 15:29 left. Austin Peay got back into it with a 16-5 run, pulling to 47-46 on two free throws by Maurice Hampton with 50.6 seconds left. Ingles answered with another three-pointer with 17.7 seconds to clinch it.

Zac Schlader led Austin Peay with 14 points.

## Big South

**Winthrop 63, Charleston Southern 46:** At Rock Hill, S.C., New Zealand Olympian Craig Bradshaw had 16 points and Olympic teammate Torrell Martin had 13 points. Winthrop rebounded as Winthrop (27-5) earned a trip to the NCAA tournament after a two-year absence.

Winthrop went to the tournament the first four seasons under coach Gregg Marshall before missing out in 2003 and 2004. The Eagles have the nation's third-longest winning streak at 18 games, behind only top-ranked Illinois (29) and No. 17 Pacific (20).

Big South tournament games played at the home of the higher-seeded team, so seventh-seeded Charleston Southern (13-17) was trying to pull off a third straight road victory.

Winthrop won 17, but Charleston Southern with 17 points, but was hampered by a wrist injury in the second half. Terrell Brown added 14 points.

## Atlantic Sun

**Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54:** At Nashville, Tenn., Gary Johnson scored 19 points to help Central Florida clinch its second straight NCAA tournament berth.

UCF (24-8), which has won 12 of 13, held Gardner-Webb without a field goal for almost 12 minutes while turning a three-point deficit into a 15-point advantage.

Gardner-Webb (18-12) led by three with 9:13 left in the first half. But the Runnin' Bulldogs missed their last nine shots of the half as Central Florida found a 15-2 run to lead 26-16 at halftime.

William Bakanowski opened the second half with a three-point shot for the Golden Knights and Anthony Williams added two free throws to make it 31-16.

## Men's conference tournament scoreboard

### America East Conference

At Binghamton University Events Center, Vestal, N.Y.

**First Round**  
Mid-Baltimore County 78, Hampshire 73  
Stony Brook 60, Hartford 50

**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Binghamton 76, Albany, N.Y. 70  
Belmont 76, Maryland-Baltimore County 62

**Semi-finals**  
Northern Vermont vs. Stony Brook  
Boston University vs. Maine

**Sunday, March 6**  
Binghamton vs. Vermont  
Eastern-Stony Brook winner vs. Boston University-Maine winner

**Championship**  
At Higher-Seeded Team  
Saturday, March 12

Señioral winners

### Atlantic Sun Conference

At The Club Event Center, Nashville, Tenn.

**First Round**  
Gardner-Webb 64, Troy 62  
Central Florida 81, Mercer 68  
Belmont 76, Georgia Southern 62  
Jacksonville 68, Lipscomb 64

**Semi-finals**  
Friday, March 4  
Gardner-Webb 77, Jacksonville 76  
Central Florida 66, Belmont 60

**Championship**  
Saturday, March 5  
Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54

### Big Sky Conference

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 5  
Montana 55, Eastern Washington 48  
Weber State at Sacramento State

**At Memorial Gymnasium, Portland, Ore.**  
**Semi-finals**  
Tuesday, March 8  
Montana State vs. higher-seeded first-round winner  
Portland State vs. lower-seeded first-round winner

**Championship**  
Wednesday, March 9  
Señioral winners

### Big South Conference

**First Round**  
Tuesday, March 8  
Charleston Southern 65, Liberty 60  
High Point 88, K.C.-Ashville 93, OT  
Winthrop 74, Coastal Carolina 62

**Semi-finals**  
Thursday, March 10  
Charleston Southern 58, High Point 55  
Winthrop 78, Birmingham-Southern 64

**Championship**  
Saturday, March 12  
Winthrop 68, Charleston Southern 46

### Colonial Athletic Association

At Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

**First Round**  
Friday, March 4  
William & Mary 69, James Madison 54  
Delaware 70, Towson 56

**Semi-finals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Old Dominion 64, James Madison 51  
Hofstra 89, Drexel 77  
Virginia's College of William & Mary vs. Delaware

**Sunday, March 6**  
Old Dominion vs. Maryland  
VCU-Delaware winner vs. North Carolina-Wilmington  
Championship  
Saturday, March 7

Señioral winners

### Horizon League

**First Round**  
Tuesday, March 1  
Wright State 60, Butler 57  
Loyola of Chicago 76, Youngstown State 75  
Illinois-Chicago 84, Cleveland State 65

**At U.C. Cellular Arena, Milwaukee**  
**Second Round**  
Friday, March 4  
Detroit 61, Wright State 58  
Loyola of Chicago 87, Illinois-Chicago 81

**Semi-finals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Wisconsin-Green Bay vs. Detroit  
Wisconsin-Milwaukee vs. Loyola of Chicago

**At Higher-Seeded Team**  
**Championship**  
Tuesday, March 8  
Señioral winners

### Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

**At USC Arena, Buffalo, N.Y.**  
**First Round**  
Friday, March 4  
Iona 68, Siena 63  
Canisius 62, Marist 60

**Second Round**  
Saturday, March 5  
St. Peter's vs. Iona  
Rider vs. Canisius

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 6  
Rider-Canisius winner vs. Fairfield-Manhattan winner

### Mid-Continent Conference

At John O. Hammond Arena, Tulsa, Okla.

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 5  
Old Roberts vs. Oklahoma State  
Missouri-Kansas City vs. Oakland, Miss.

**Semi-finals**  
Sunday, March 6  
Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis vs. Western Illinois  
Valparaiso vs. Chicago State

### Missouri Valley Conference

**Semi-finals**  
Monday, March 7  
Oral Roberts-Southern Utah winner vs. IUPUI-Indiana-Western Illinois winner  
OVC-Oakland winner vs. Indiana-Corpus Christi winner

**Championship**  
Tuesday, March 8  
Señioral winners

### South Atlantic Conference

**At Servis Center, St. Louis**  
**First Round**  
Friday, March 4  
Indiana State 63, Bradley 61  
Drake 82, Evansville 68

**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Southern Illinois 65, Indiana State 62  
Northwestern Missouri 70, Northern Iowa 62

**Semi-finals**  
Sunday, March 6  
Southern Illinois vs. Northwestern Missouri  
Whitalla State-Drake winner vs. Creighton vs. Illinois State

**Championship**  
Monday, March 7  
Señioral winners

### Northeast Conference

**First Round**  
Thursday, March 3  
Monmouth 91, U.S. Central Conn. State 53  
Eastern Michigan 68, St. Francis, N.Y. 68  
Wagner 69, Robert Morris 65

**Semi-finals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Wagner at Monmouth, N.J.  
Long Island Univ. at Fairfield Dickinson

**Championship**  
Wednesday, March 9  
Señioral winners

### Ohio Valley Conference

**First Round**  
Tuesday, March 8  
Tennessee Tech 72, Tennessee 68  
Austin Peay 71, Samford 60

**Semi-finals**  
Wednesday, March 9  
Tennessee Tech vs. Tennessee State  
Austin Peay vs. Samford

**Championship**  
Thursday, March 10  
Señioral winners

### Patriot League

**First Round**  
Friday, March 4  
At The Heart Center, Worcester, Mass.

**Semi-finals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Lehigh 77, Colgate 60  
Holy Cross 76, Army 42

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 6  
American 85, Navy 83, OT  
Bucknell 70, Lafayette 34

### Southern Conference

**Semi-finals**  
Sunday, March 6  
At The Sports Pavilion, Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Championship**  
Monday, March 7  
Señioral winners

### Sun Belt Conference

At Denton, Texas  
**First Round**  
Friday, March 4  
At Killebrew Arena, Dallas

**Semi-finals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Arkansas State 84, North Texas 76  
Middle Tennessee 68, Texas State 63

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 6  
Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Florida International

**Semi-finals**  
Saturday, March 5  
Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Florida International

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Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Florida International

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Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Florida International

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Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Florida International

# Mickelson, Woods set for Sunday showdown

## Tiger fires third-round 63, trails Lefty by two shots at Doral

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Doral could not have asked for a better duel.

Phil Mickelson continued to bully the Blue Monster with a 6-under 66. Tiger Woods put on a dynamic game Saturday in the Ford Championship, driving the green on the 347-yard 16th and making good on a birthday pledge to his father with a 9-under 63 that left him only two shots behind.

If a monstrous crowd didn't get enough entertainment Saturday, it was left with the anticipation of golf's two most popular players going head-to-head in their first Sunday showdown in two years.

"We both know we're going to have to make a bunch of birdies," Woods said.

Woods overwhelmed the back nine with his power, no shot more memorable than the 16th when he swung from the heels and wound up 45 feet away for a two-putt birdie. Mickelson was magical again with his wedge, hitting a variety of shots from thick grass that gave himself birdie chances.

Mickelson was at 20-under 196, the 10th consecutive round in stroke play he has been atop the leader board.

The gallery might not realize this, but there were other players with an outside chance at Doral.

Zach Johnson, who had to pull out of the pro-am with a bad back, shot 64 and was six shots behind at 14-under 202, along with James Driscoll (67) and defending champion Craig Parry (67).

Visay Singh couldn't keep pace with a 68

and was seven shots behind, joined by two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal (70) and former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk (67).

But all that mattered to anyone on the Blue Monster were two of the biggest names in golf — Phil and Tiger.

They last played in the final group in the 2003 PGA Tour Invitational at Lefty had made his infamous "inferior equipment" comment. Woods went on to win by four, with Mickelson six shots behind.

Some might argue the last time they went head-to-head was in the Ryder Cup, as teammates. They lost both their matches and rarely spoke. Woods said their relationship, or lack thereof, is overblown.

"When I played with (Chris) Riley, we talked all the time. When I played with Davis and we won two matches (at The Belfry), we didn't say a word to each other," Woods said. "Phil and I are somewhere in between."

"I try to be competitors. We're going to just try to make a bunch of birdies and see what happens."

But Lefty has a big advantage Sunday. Not only does he have a two-shot cushion, he is playing the best golf of anyone on the PGA Tour. Mickelson won by five strokes in Phoenix and went wire-to-wire at Pebble Beach to win by five.

This dream pairing was set up on the back nine.

Woods had six birdies, finishing his round with an 8-footer on the 18th and a

message for his father, Earl, who turned 73 on Saturday.

"Happy birthday, dad. I told you I would shoot a low one for you, and I did," Woods said to NBC Sports.

It was one of the most energetic days at Doral since Greg Norman was in his prime — blue skies, warm sunshine and a leader board packed with the best players in golf.

Fans stood six-deep around the putting green when Woods and Mickelson were warming up, and the first fairway was lined with fans from tee-to-green on both sides when Woods started his third round. One boy injured his arm when he fell from a tree trying to get a glimpse of the action.

### Els trails Jimenez by one in Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Miguel Angel Jimenez posted a tidy 4-under 68 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead in the Dubai Desert Classic.

After making a four-putt double bogey from 20 feet on the first hole, Ernie Els made seven birdies, shot 67 and enters the final round one stroke behind the leader.

"I still don't know what I did there on the first hole," said Els, trying to win for the first time in 2005. "I guess you are never too old to learn. You have to respect the old game. I did it on each of those putts."

Jimenez was at 18-under 200 and will be paired with Els on Sunday.

Colin Montgomerie, ranked No. 63 and seeking to get into the top 50 to secure an invitation to the Masters, fired a 6-under 66 and trails by three.



Phil Mickelson, who has led 10 consecutive rounds in stroke-play events, is 20-under after shooting a 66, on Saturday.

### Han leads LPGA event in Mexico

HUIXQUILUCAN, Mexico — Annika Sorenstam shot a 2-under 70 on Friday in her first competitive round of the year, leaving her four strokes behind leader Hee-Won Han in the MasterCard Classic, the first LPGA Tour event in Mexico since 1975.

Maura Dunn trails the leader by two after a 68. Patricia Meunier-Lebouc, Brandie Burton, Giulia Sergas and Gloria Park capped with 69s, and Cristie Kerr and Carin Koch were in a group at 70.

## American ousts Navy in overtime

The Associated Press

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Matej Cressnik scored a career-high 30 points and Lukas Lekavicius scored with 4.7 seconds left in overtime to help American beat Navy 85-83 in the quarterfinals of the Patriot League Tournament on Friday.

American (16-11) plays Bucknell, which beat Lafayette 70-64, on Sunday.

Navy's David Hooper made his fifth three-pointer with 34 seconds left to tie the score 83-83 before Lekavicius' game-winner.

Navy freshman Corey Johnson made a three-pointer in time expired in regulation to tie the score 77-77 and force overtime.

Matt Fannin and Greg Spivey each scored 20 points for Navy (9-19) and Hooper added 17.

**Holy Cross 76, Army 42:** At Worcester, Mass., Kevin Hamilton scored 16 points as top-seeded Holy Cross pulled away in the second half for a victory over Army in the first round of the Patriot League tournament.

Holy Cross (23-5), which won its 15th straight game, will play Lehigh at home in the semifinals on Sunday. Lehigh, the defending tournament champion, defeated Colgate 77-60 on Friday.

Mat Bell led Army (3-24) with 13 points.

# Andretti, Penske lead IRL into 10th season

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

Helio Castroneves' fence-climbing skills got a little rusty.

The two-time Indianapolis 500 champion performed his scaling victory celebration only once last year. And that didn't come until the IndyCar Series season finale, when "Spiderman" won for the first time in 19 races.

"It was hard, all season long waiting to win a race ... It was a great relief," he said. "I don't want to wait that long this year."

Castroneves won't have to sit out. Team Penske can pick up with the momentum it built at the end of last season.

Not only did Castroneves win the finale at Texas, he finished the season with an IRL-record four straight poles. The Penske team obviously was figuring out car setups with the smaller 3.0 engines the series switched to after the Indianapolis 500 and was unchanged this year.

"It was a learning curve, and we learned a lot with that situation," Castroneves said.

Sam Hornish Jr. started on the front row alongside his Penske teammate while during that four-race stretch and rolled off from the No. 3 spot another time.

Penske had bookend victories last year, with two-time IRL champion Hornish winning his debut race with his new team, just ahead of Castroneves — in the season opener at Home-stead-Miami Speedway.

Andretti Green Racing's

### 2005 IRL schedule

March 4 — Toyota Indy 300, Home-stead, Fla.  
April 10 — XM Satellite Radio Indy 300, Ayerfield, Ariz.  
April 17 — Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, Fla.  
May 10 — Indy Japan 300, Suzuka  
May 29 — Indianapolis 500  
June 11 — Bombardier Indy Pro, Fort Worth, Texas  
June 25 — SunTrust Indy Challenge, Richmond, Va.  
July 3 — Argent Mortgage Indy 300, Kansas City, Kan.  
July 16 — Firestone Indy 300, Glendale, Tenn.  
July 24 — West Allis, Wis.  
Aug. 11 — Michigan Indy 400, Brooklyn  
Aug. 14 — Bluegrass 300, Sparta, Ky.  
Aug. 21 — Honda Indy 225, Fountain, Colo.  
Aug. 28 — TBA, Sonoma, Calif.  
Sept. 11 — Delphi Indy 300, Joliet, Ill.  
Sept. 25 — Watkins Glen Indy Grand Prix, N.Y.  
Oct. 16 — Toyota Indy 400, Fontana, Calif.

four-driver team dominated in between, winning eight of the 14 races with 36 top-five finishes.

Tony Kanaan became the first driver in a major racing series to finish every lap — 3,305 in 16 races — and win the title.

Tony Stewart's Denon Whelen was second. Dario Franchitti and Bryan Herta, the other Andretti Green drivers, were sixth and ninth.

"Well, we set the standard for sure," Kanaan said. "Right now, yeah, they're definitely looking at us, and they respect us. But you know, we're also looking ... we're looking for Penske, we're looking for Rahal."

All will be at Home-stead-Miami Speedway on Sunday for the start of the IRL's 10th season.

Hornish has won three of the

four IRL races on the track. The 300-mile race is where Kanaan had his worst 2004 finish — eighth in the opener before 15 straight top fives that included three victories.

This will be the IRL's longest season with 17 races — including its first road-course events.

The IRL will break from its all-oval format in the third race this season, on a temporary road course through downtown St. Petersburg, Fla. The series also will run on road courses in Sonoma, Calif., and Watkins Glen, N.Y., later in the year.

Former driving champion Michael Andretti, who co-owns the team with Kim Green, got an IRL title in just his second season as an owner.

Roger Penske won 11 national open-wheel championships over the decades before moving from CART, but the car owner goes into his fourth IndyCar season without a title. Buddy Rice finished third in points and won the Indianapolis 500 for the first time, owned by former driver Bobby Rahal and late night talk show host David Letterman.

There are 22 drivers on 13 teams this season.

IRL founder Tony George is even a team owner now, having acquired the assets of Kelley Racing this offseason.

"Why? Because I believe in this series. I believe in the opportunity it represents," George said. "As the offseason wound down, it became obvious that we needed a car count. We were going need to



Michael Andretti, above, made a successful transition from driver to team owner. Andretti Green's Tony Kanaan won the IRL title last season, and his three teammates all finished in the top 10.

keep all that equipment that Tom had for sale in the system. There were a lot of teams looking at acquiring bits and pieces of it. But I felt that the best opportunity was to try and keep it together for someone."

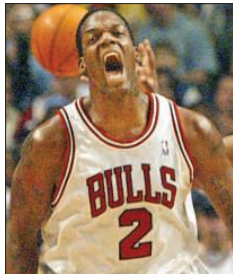
Ed Carpenter, George's 23-year-old stepson, will drive the car for Vision Racing LLC. George has promised his ownership will not influence decisions and rulings by race officials.

Danica Patrick moves from the Toyota Atlantic Series to become the third woman in the IndyCar Series. She's part of Rahal Letterman's three-car team with Rice and Vitor Meira.

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Center Eddy Curry, above, leads the Bulls in scoring with a 15.5-point per game average. Chicago's renaissance has been led by a defense that holds opponents to 42.2 percent shooting, second best in the NBA.

## After an extended free fall into futility Chicago is excited about hoops again

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CHICAGO — Go to a Chicago Bulls game, and it's beginning to look like the good old days.

The United Center is rocking, with loud, passionate fans packing every seat. Even that third level of boxes, so high up in the rafters they may as well be on the roof, are occupied. Team gear is back in fashion, too. There's no shame in busting out that Bulls sweatshirt, and it's OK to replace an old-school Michael Jordan jersey with something more current.

After six years of mind-numbing futility, when the only thing left to play for at this time of year was avoiding last place, the Bulls have come roaring back. With one of the most remarkable turnarounds in the NBA, Chicago is on the verge of making the playoffs for the first time since 1998.

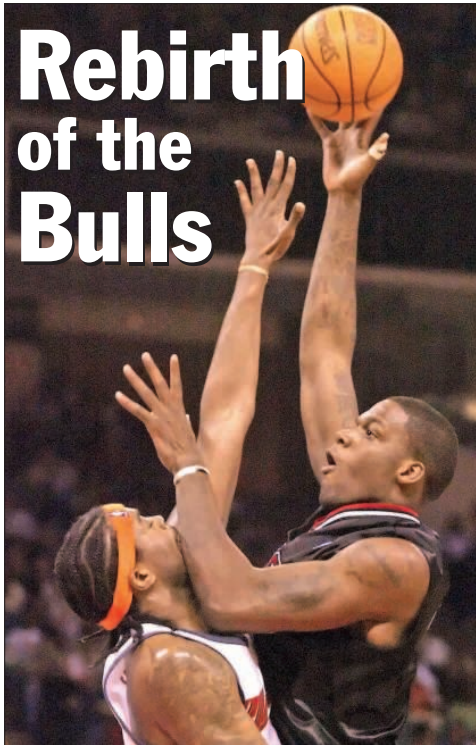
"The Bulls are so much fun to watch," said Mark Grogan, who brought his 12-year-old daughter, Eileen, and 10-year-old son, Patrick, to Tuesday night's game. "People are really excited."

And, to be honest, a little stunned. The Bulls have been abysmal since Jordan and friends won the last of Chicago's six NBA titles. They lost 341 games from 1999-2004, so inept they made even the Los Angeles Clippers look good. They're on their third coach since Phil Jackson left, and so many players have come and gone they could form their own league.

So when the Bulls began the year 0-9, matching the franchise record for the worst season-opening stretch, even some players thought, "Here we go again."

"I will admit I had that feeling," Tyson Chandler said. "But after starting winning, I knew we would consistently do so."

# Rebirth of the Bulls



Chicago's Eddy Curry, right, shoots over Charlotte's Melvin Ely during a game last week. The Bulls (29-26) are one victory from matching their highest win total since Michael Jordan left the team.

The turning point came Nov. 24, when the Bulls beat the Utah Jazz. Not only was it their first victory, but it snapped Chicago's 37-game, six-year losing streak on its annual November western road trip.

"When we won that game, that gave us some confidence," rookie Ben Gordon said. "We got our first win in so-and-so years. That was something positive to build off of."

The Bulls won five straight in mid-December, their longest winning streak since Jordan's last season. They were 20-8 from Jan. 1 to March 1, second-best in the NBA behind only the defending champion Detroit Pistons.

With 29 victories heading into the weekend, they already had surpassed last year's total and were just one victory shy of matching their high-water mark in the post-Jordan era.

They entered the weekend as the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference.

Granted, the East is weak. But Chicago went 11-4 against Western Conference teams after that ugly November road trip. Included in that collection was the team's first victory at Dallas in eight years, and its first sweep of the Minnesota Timberwolves since the 1996-97 season.

"Even though we started off losing, it wasn't the same kind of losing that we had been doing the past three years and I definitely felt ... we still would, at some point, turn things around," Eddy Curry said. "Kind of hard to say I thought we'd be where we are now, but I definitely felt that we were moving in the right direction."

The Bulls didn't have much of an identity or a plan when general manager John Paxson

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